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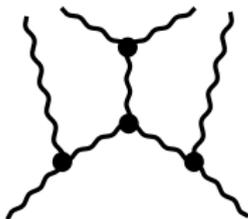
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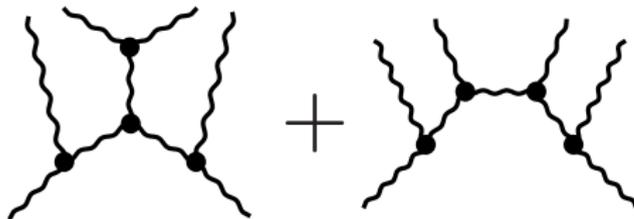
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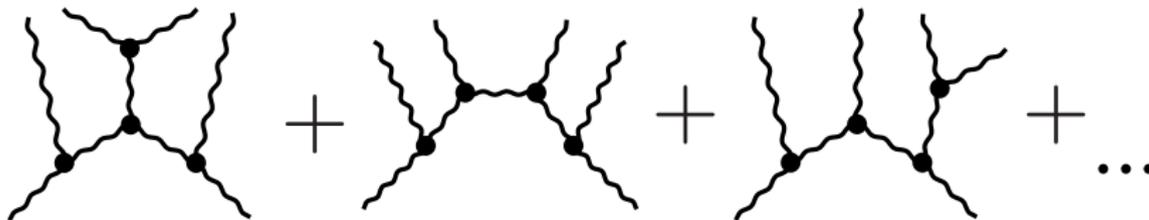
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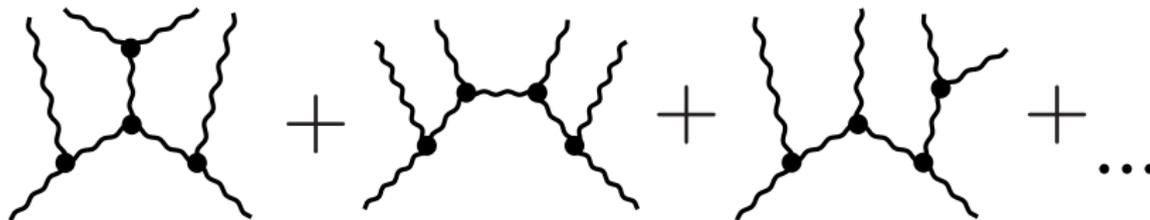
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gluons. The cross section for the scattering of two gluons with momenta  $p_1, p_2$  into four gluons with momenta  $p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6$  is obtained from eq. (5) by setting  $J=2$  and replacing the momenta  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$  by  $-p_1, -p_2, -p_3, -p_4$ . As the result of the computation of two hundred and forty Feynman diagrams, we obtain

$$A_{\text{tree}}^{\text{tree}}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6) = (\mathcal{D}^{\dagger}, \mathcal{D}'^{\dagger}, \mathcal{D}^{\dagger}, \mathcal{D}'^{\dagger})_{\mathcal{D}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} K & K_c & K_c & K_c \\ K_c & K & K & K_c \\ K_c & K_c & K & K_c \\ K_c & K_c & K_c & K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D}' \\ \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D}' \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}_c$  and  $\mathcal{D}'_c$  are 11-component complex vector functions of the momenta  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5$  and  $p_6$ , and  $K, K_c, K_c$  and  $K_c$  are constant  $11 \times 11$  symmetric matrices. The vectors  $\mathcal{D}_c, \mathcal{D}'_c$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are obtained from the vector  $\mathcal{D}$  by the permutations  $(p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4), (p_5 \leftrightarrow p_6)$  and  $(p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4, p_5 \leftrightarrow p_6)$ , respectively, of the momentum variables in  $\mathcal{D}$ . The individual components of the vector  $\mathcal{D}$  represent the sums of all contributions proportional to the appropriately chosen eleven basis color factors. The matrices  $K_c$  which are the suitable sums over the color indices of products of the color bases, contain two independent structures, proportional to  $N^2(N^2-1)$  and  $N^2(N^2-1)$ , respectively ( $N$  is the number of colors,  $N=3$  for QCD):

$$K = \frac{1}{2} g^2 N^2 (N^2 - 1) K^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} g^2 N^2 (N^2 - 1) K^{(2)} \quad (7)$$

Here  $g$  denotes the gauge coupling constant. The matrices  $K^{(1)}$  and  $K^{(2)}$  are given in table 1. The vector  $\mathcal{D}$  is related to the thirty-three diagrams  $D^{\dagger}(i=1-33)$  for two-gluon to four-scalar scattering, eleven diagrams  $D^{\dagger}(i=1-11)$  for two-fermion to four-scalar scattering and sixteen diagrams  $D^{\dagger}(i=1-16)$  for two-scalar to four-scalar scattering, in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_c &= \frac{2t_{33}}{\sqrt{11}t_{33}t_{33}t_{33}t_{33}t_{33}} [t_{33}^{(1)} C^{\dagger} - D_1^{\dagger} - 4t_{11}t_{11}t_{11}E(p_3, p_4, p_5) C^{\dagger} - D_2^{\dagger} \\ &\quad - 2t_{11}G(p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6) C^{\dagger} - D_3^{\dagger}], \\ \mathcal{D}'_c &= \frac{2t_{33}}{3} C^{\dagger} - D_4^{\dagger} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where the constant matrices  $C^{(1)}(11 \times 33)$ ,  $C^{(2)}(11 \times 11)$  and  $C^{\dagger}(11 \times 16)$  are given in table 2. The Lorentz invariants  $t_{ij}$  and  $t_{ij}$  are defined as  $t_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$ ,  $t_{ij} = (p_i - p_j)^2$  and the complex functions  $E$  and  $G$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} E(p_3, p_4) &= \frac{1}{2} [(p_3, p_4)(p_5, p_6) - (p_3, p_5)(p_4, p_6) + p_{34} p_{56} p_3^2 p_4^2 / (p_3, p_4)], \\ G(p_3, p_4) &= E(p_3, p_4) E(p_5, p_6). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

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TABLE I  
Matrix  $K(I, J) (I=1-11, J=1-11)$

Matrix $K^{(6)}$						Matrix $K^{(10)}$												
8	4	-2	-1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-3
4	8	-1	-1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-2	-1	8	4	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	4	8	2	-1	-1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
-1	-1	4	8	1	2	4	-2	-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	-1	1	8	4	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	2	-1	2	8	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	2	4	4	-1	-2	8	-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	2	-2	0	0	-1	4	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	-1	1	0	-1	4	8	-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-1	-1	2	4	0	2	-2	-1	8	-1	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matrix $K^{(2)}$						Matrix $K^{(2)}$												
6	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	-1	3	3	8	3	0	8	3	8
0	6	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	-2	0	3	3	0	0	8	0	3	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0
0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0	3	3	1	3	3	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	0
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2	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	4	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1	2	8	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	2	-1	0	0	3	3	1	8	0	-3
0	1	1	-1	-1	1	8	-1	4	8	-1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	-2	-1	0	2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	2	-1	-2	2	4	4	-1	1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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where  $\epsilon$  is the totally antisymmetric tensor,  $\epsilon_{1234} = 1$ . For the future use, we define one more function,

$$F(p_1, p_2) = ((p_1 p_2)(p_3 p_4) + (p_1 p_3)(p_2 p_4) - (p_1 p_4)(p_2 p_3)) / (p_1 p_2). \quad (10)$$

Note that when evaluating  $A_0$  and  $A_2$  at crossed configurations of the momenta, care must be taken with the implicit dependence of the functions  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  on the momenta  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ .

The diagrams  $D_i^G$  are listed below:

$$D_1^G(1) = \frac{4}{i_{14} i_{23} i_{34}} \{ [(p_1 - p_2)(p_3 - p_4)] [(p_1 - p_2)(p_3 + p_4)] - [(p_1 - p_3)(p_2 + p_4)] \times [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] + [(p_1 + p_2)(p_3 - p_4)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] \},$$

$$D_2^G(2) = \frac{4}{i_{23} i_{34}} \{ 2E(p_2 - p_1, p_1 - p_2) - 2E(p_1 - p_2, p_1 - p_2) + \delta_d(p_1 - p_2)(p_1 - p_2) \},$$

$$D_3^G(3) = \frac{4}{i_{23} i_{34} i_{12}} \{ [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_1 + p_2)] E(p_1, p_2) - [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 - p_1 - p_2)] E(p_2, p_3) - [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 + p_1 - p_2)] E(p_1, p_2) + [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_1 - p_2)] E(p_2, p_3) - 2[(p_1 - p_2 - p_3)] E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 + p_4) - 2[(p_1 - p_2 - p_3)] E(p_2 + p_3, p_1 - p_2) + \delta_d(p_1(p_2 - p_3)) \},$$

$$D_4^G(4) = \frac{-2}{i_{14} i_{31}} \{ E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 + p_4) - \delta_d p_1(p_2 - p_3) \},$$

$$D_5^G(5) = \frac{-2}{i_{23} i_{31}} \{ E(p_2 + p_3, p_1 - p_2) - \delta_d p_1(p_2 - p_3) \},$$

$$D_6^G(6) = \frac{4}{i_{12}},$$

$$D_7^G(7) = \frac{4}{i_{13} i_{23} i_{12}} \{ [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_1 + p_2)] E(p_1, p_2) - [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 - p_1 - p_2)] E(p_2, p_3) - [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 + p_1 - p_2)] E(p_1, p_2) - [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_1 - p_2)] E(p_2, p_3) \},$$

$$D_8^G(8) = \frac{4}{i_{14} i_{23} i_{12}} \{ [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_1 + p_2)] E(p_1, p_2) - [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 - p_1 - p_2)] E(p_2, p_3) - [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 + p_1 - p_2)] E(p_1, p_2) - [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_1 - p_2)] E(p_2, p_3) \},$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^2(9) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} \{ [s_1 - p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4] E(p_1, p_2) \\
 &\quad - [s_1 - p_2 + p_3 + p_4] E(p_2, p_3) + [s_1(p_1 - p_2)] E(p_1, p_2 - p_3) \}, \\
 D_1^2(10) &= \frac{4}{s_{23}s_{45}s_{12}} \{ [s_1 + p_1 - p_2 + p_3 + p_4] E(p_2, p_3) \\
 &\quad - [s_1 - p_2 + p_3 + p_4] E(p_2, p_3) + [s_1(p_2 - p_3)] E(p_1 - p_2, p_3) \}, \\
 D_1^2(11) &= \frac{s_2}{s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{14}], \\
 D_1^2(12) &= \frac{-s_2}{s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{14}], \\
 D_1^2(13) &= \frac{s_2}{s_{14}s_{34}s_{12}} [s_{12} - s_{34}] [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{14}], \\
 D_1^2(14) &= \frac{s_2}{s_{14}s_{34}s_{12}} [s_{12} - s_{34}] [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{14}], \\
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 D_1^2(19) &= \frac{-2}{s_{12}s_{34}} E(p_2, p_3 - p_4), \\
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 D_1^2(24) &= -\frac{2}{3_{15}4_{15}^2} E(p_1 - p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(25) &= \frac{2}{3_{15}4_{15}^2} E(p_3, p_1 - p_2), \\
 D_1^2(26) &= -\frac{2}{3_{15}4_{15}^2} E(p_2, p_3 - p_1), \\
 D_1^2(27) &= \frac{2}{3_{15}4_{15}^2} E(p_3 - p_2, p_1), \\
 D_1^2(28) &= -\frac{2}{3_{15}4_{15}^2} E(p_2, p_3 - p_1), \\
 D_1^2(29) &= -\frac{2}{3_{15}4_{15}^2} E(p_3 - p_2, p_1), \\
 D_1^2(30) &= \frac{4}{3_{15}3_{15}4_{15}^2} [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_3 + p_2 - p_1) - t_{12}] E(p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(31) &= -\frac{4}{3_{15}3_{15}4_{15}^2} [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_3 - p_2 + p_1) + t_{12}] E(p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(32) &= \frac{4}{3_{15}3_{15}4_{15}^2} [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_3 + p_2 - p_1) + t_{12}] E(p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(33) &= -\frac{4}{3_{15}3_{15}4_{15}^2} [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_3 - p_2 + p_1) - t_{12}] E(p_2, p_3), \quad (11)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta_2 = 1$ .

The diagrams  $D_i^2$  are obtained from  $D_j^2$  by replacing  $\delta_2$  by  $\delta_3 = 0$  and the functions  $E(p_i, p_j)$  by  $G(p_i, p_j)$ .

The diagrams  $D_i^2$  are listed below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^2(1) &= \frac{4}{3_{15}3_{15}4_{15}^2} [F(p_1, p_2)E(p_2, p_3) - F(p_2, p_3)E(p_1, p_2) \\
 &\quad + [F(p_2, p_3) + s_{23}]E(p_3, p_1)], \\
 D_1^2(2) &= -\frac{4}{3_{15}3_{15}4_{15}^2} [(F(p_1, p_2) + t_{12})E(p_2, p_3) \\
 &\quad + [F(p_2, p_3) + s_{23}]E(p_2, p_3) - F(p_2, p_3)E(p_1, p_2)], \\
 D_1^2(3) &= \frac{4}{3_{15}3_{15}4_{15}^2} [F(p_1, p_2)E(p_1, p_3) - F(p_2, p_3)E(p_1, p_2) \\
 &\quad - [F(p_2, p_3) - t_{23} - t_{32} + s_{23}]E(p_2, p_3)].
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$$D_2^+(4) = \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}} [F(p_1, p_2)E(p_3, p_4) - F(p_3, p_4)E(p_1, p_2)] \\ + [F(p_1, p_2) - \frac{1}{2}(s_{12} + \frac{1}{2}s_{34})E(p_1, p_2)],$$

$$D_2^+(5) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{34}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{23}]E(p_1, p_2),$$

$$D_2^+(6) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{34}} [s_{12} - s_{14} - s_{23}]E(p_1, p_2),$$

$$D_2^+(7) = \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}} [(F(p_1, p_2) - \frac{1}{2}(s_{12} - \frac{1}{2}s_{34})E(p_1, p_2)) \\ + (F(p_3, p_4) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{34})E(p_3, p_4)) - (F(p_1, p_2) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{12})E(p_1, p_2))],$$

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 &\quad + [(p_2 - p_3)(p_3 - p_4)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_3 + p_4)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_1 + p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_3 - p_4)], \\
 D_1^2(16) &= \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [(p_2 - p_1)(p_3 + p_4)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_3 - p_4)] \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

The preceding list completes the result. Let us recapitulate now the numerical procedure of calculating the full cross section. First the diagrams  $D$  are calculated by using eqs. (11)–(13). The result is substituted to eq. (8) to obtain the vectors  $\mathcal{D}_i$  and  $\mathcal{D}_j$ . After generating the vectors  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \mathcal{D}_3, \mathcal{D}_4, \mathcal{D}_5$ , and  $\mathcal{D}_6$  by the appropriate permutations of momenta, eq. (6) is used to obtain the functions  $A_i$  and  $A_j$ . Finally, the total cross section is calculated by using eq. (5). The FORTRAN 5 program based on such a scheme generates ten Monte Carlo points in less than a second on the heuristic CDC CYBER 175/875.

Given the complexity of the final result, it is very important to have some reliable testing procedures available for numerical calculations. Usually in QCD, the multi-gluon amplitudes are tested by checking the gauge invariance. Due to the specifics

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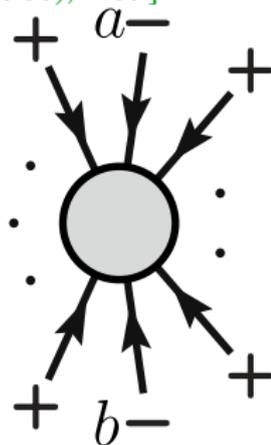
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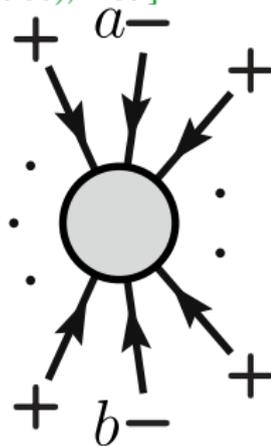


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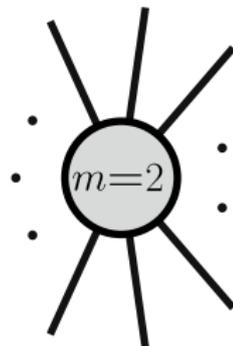


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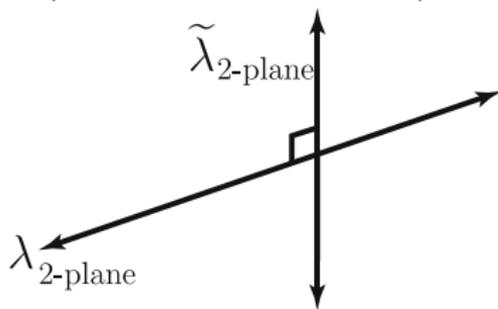
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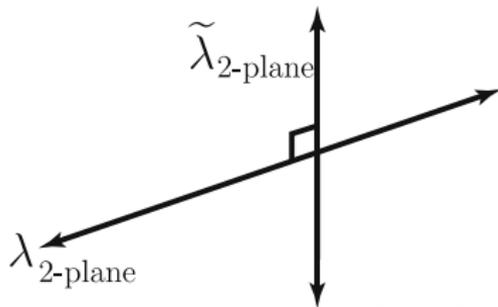
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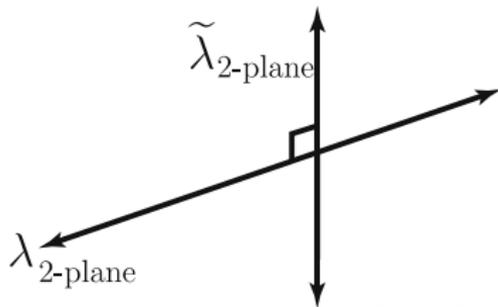
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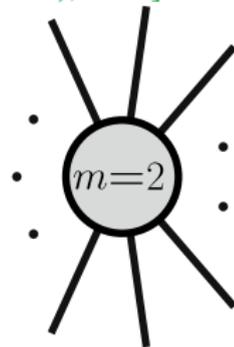


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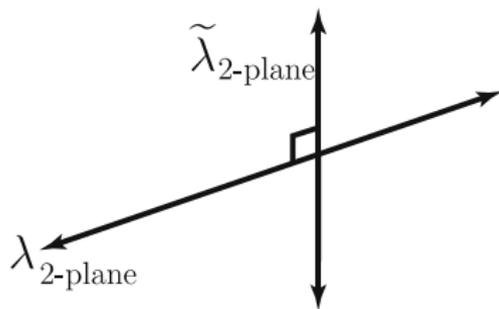
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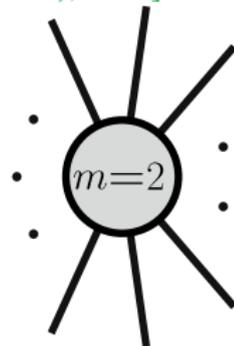


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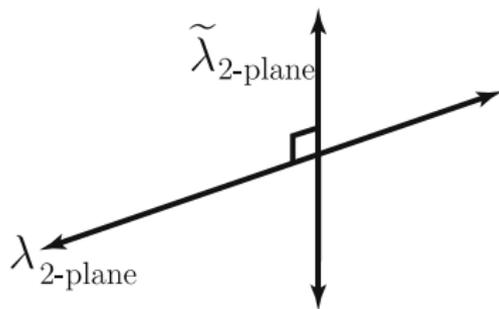
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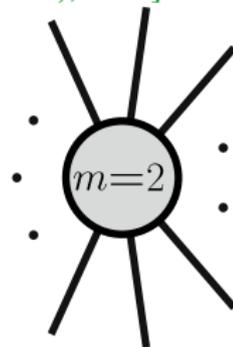


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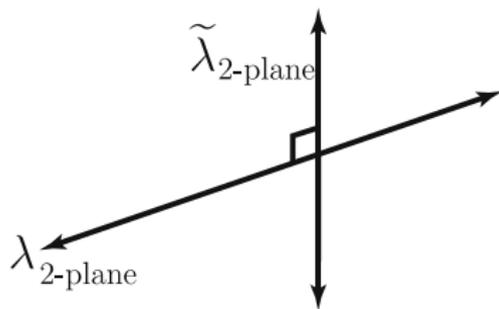
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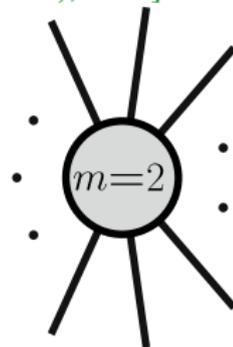


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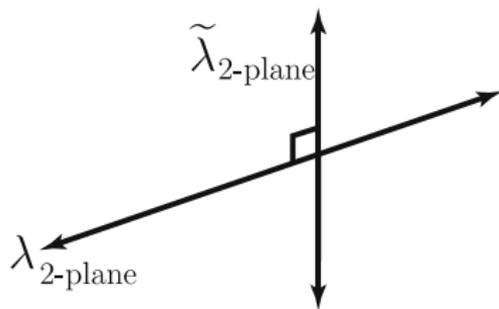
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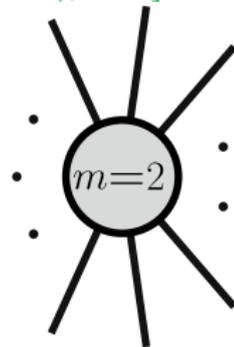


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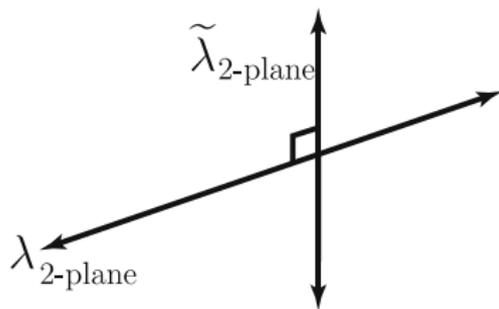
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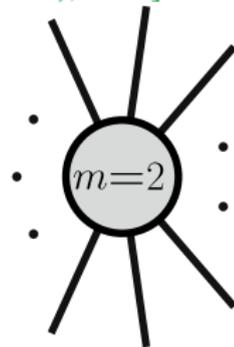


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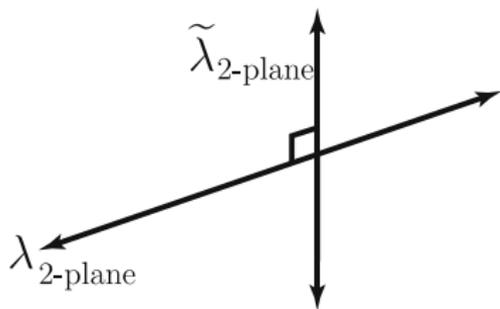
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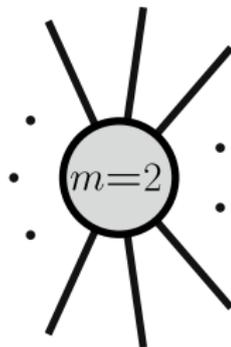
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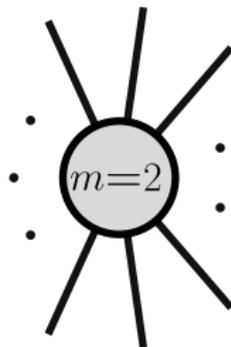
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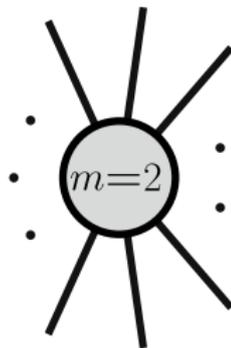


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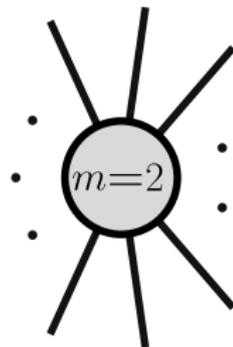
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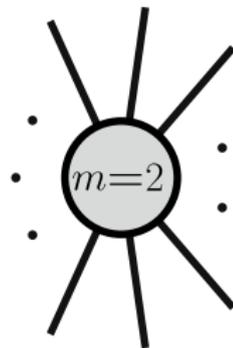
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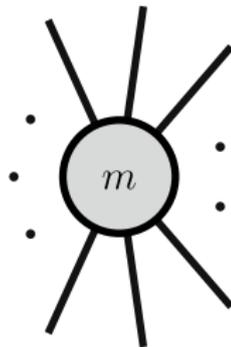
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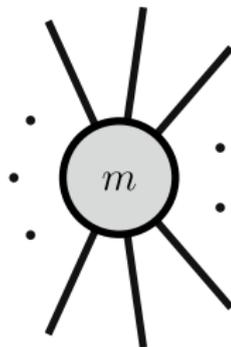
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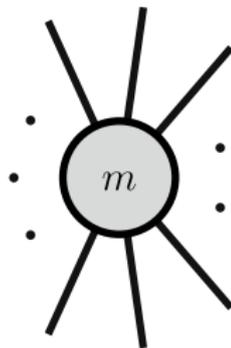
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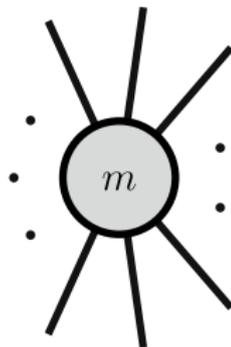
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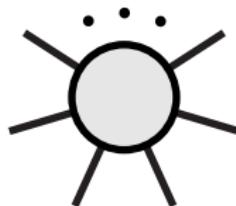
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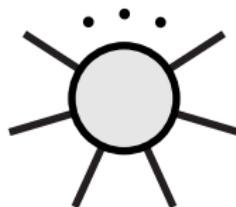
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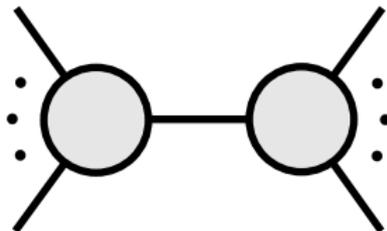
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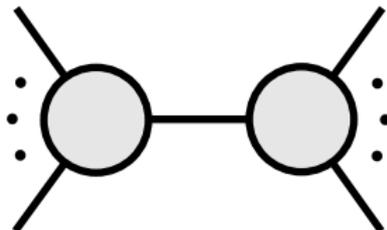
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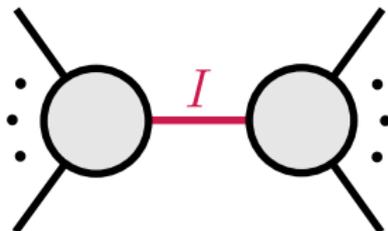
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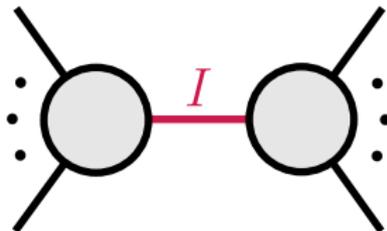
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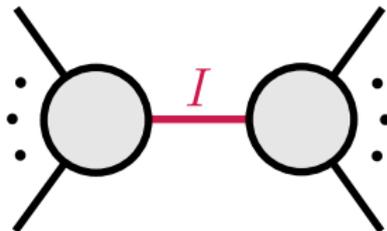
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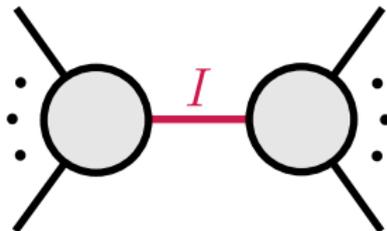
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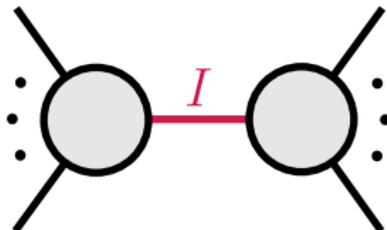
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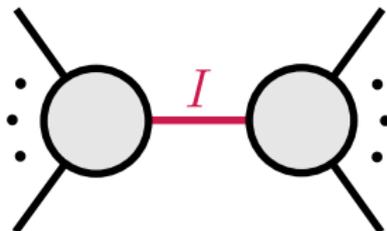


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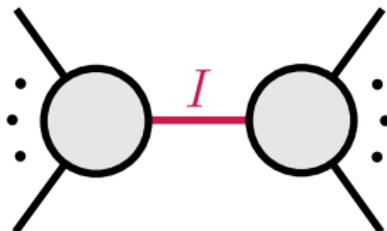


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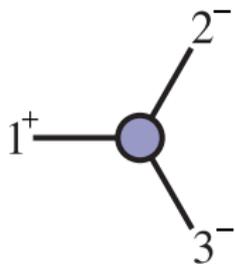
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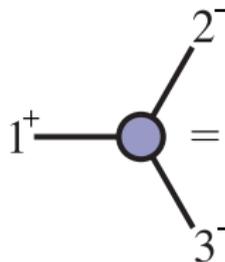


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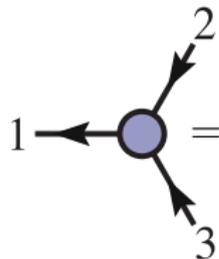
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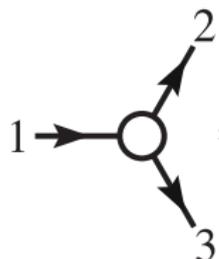
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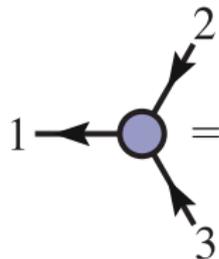
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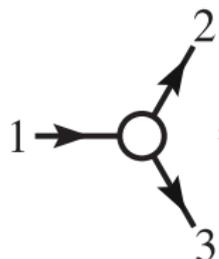
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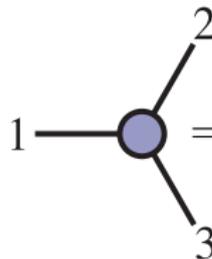
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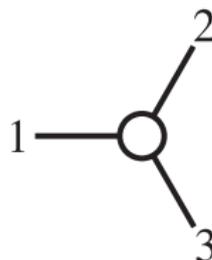
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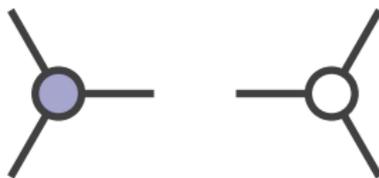
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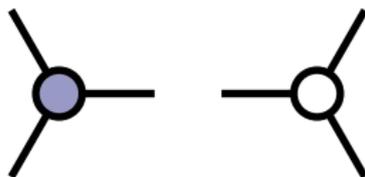
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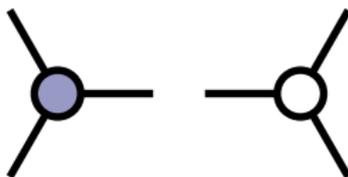
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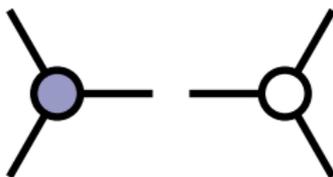
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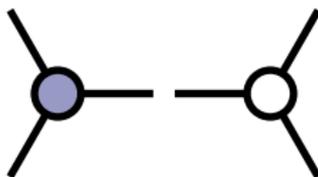
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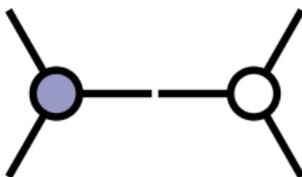
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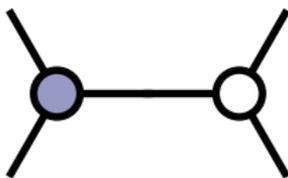
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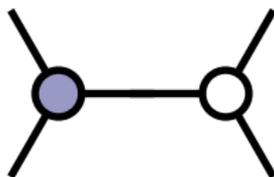
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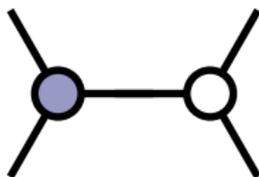
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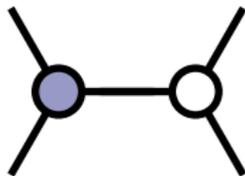
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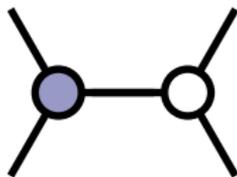
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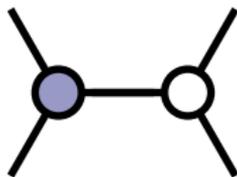
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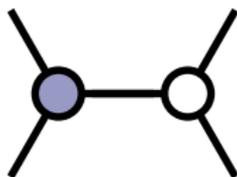
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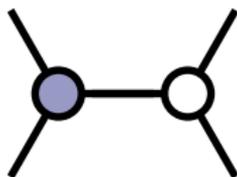
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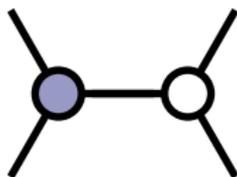
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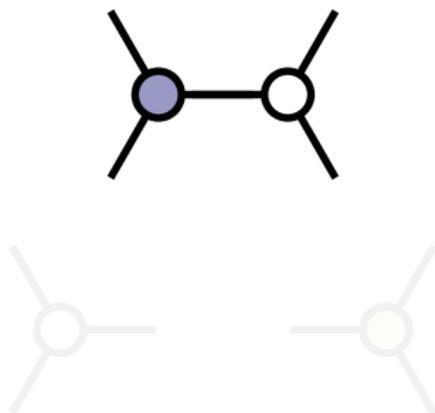
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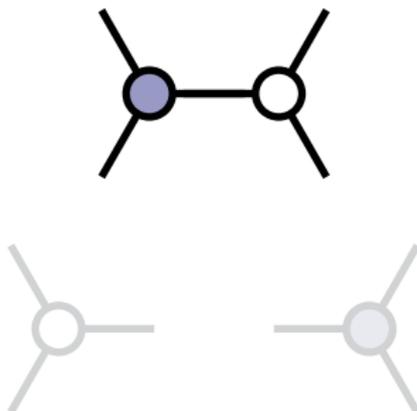
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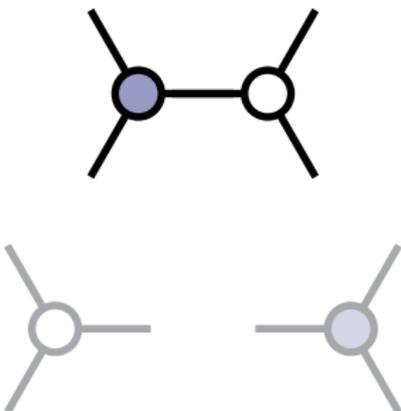
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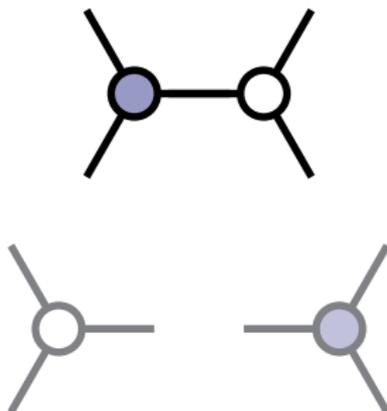
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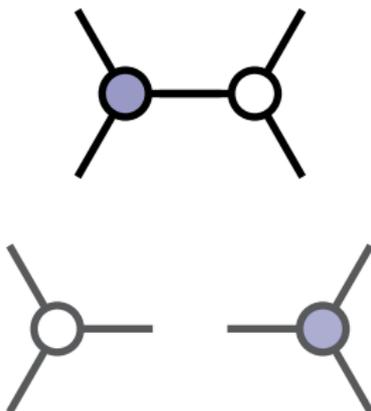
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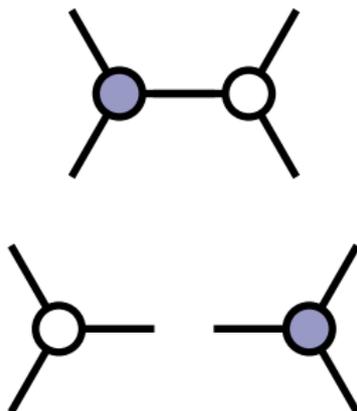
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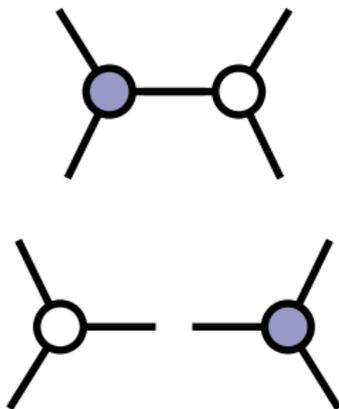
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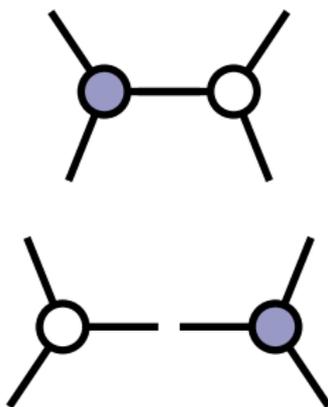
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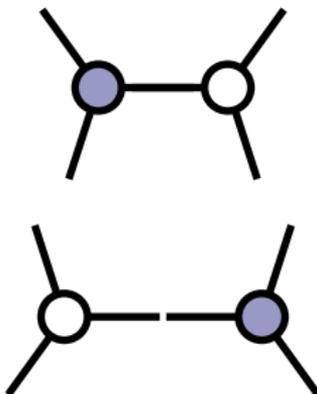
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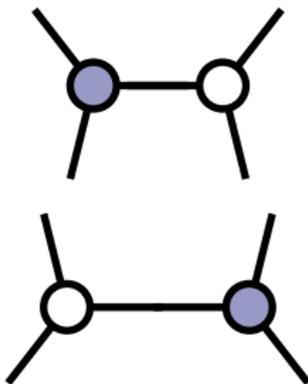
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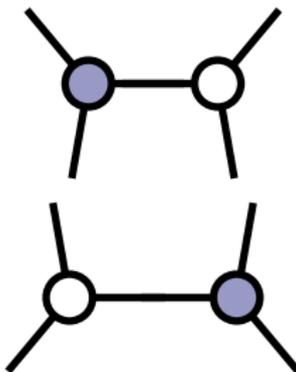
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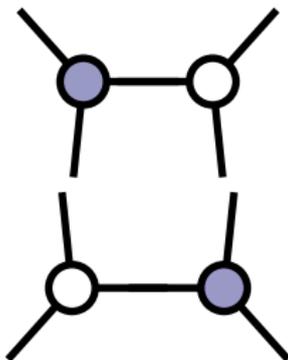
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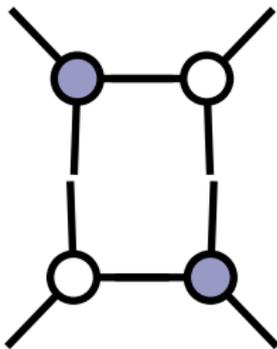
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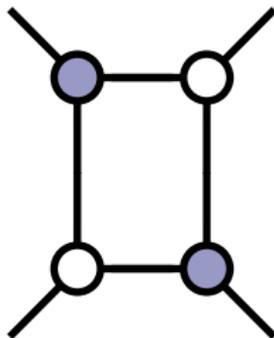
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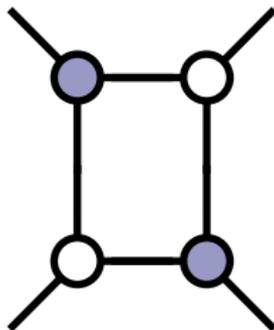
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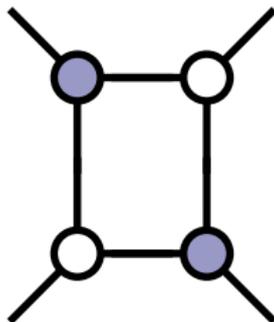
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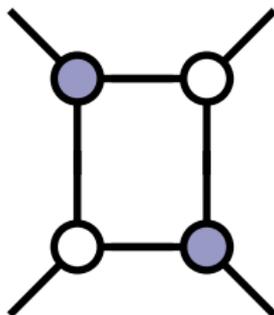
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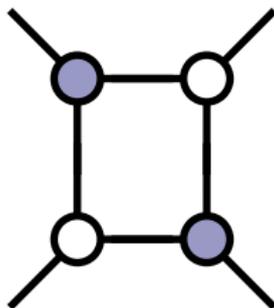
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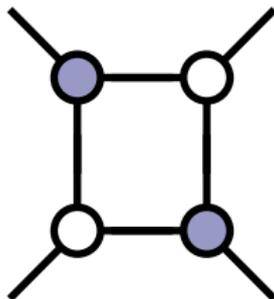
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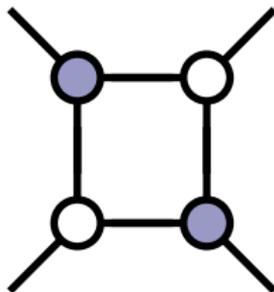
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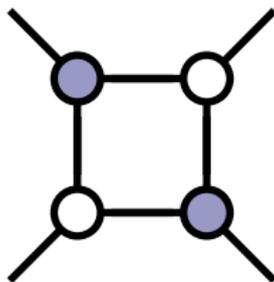
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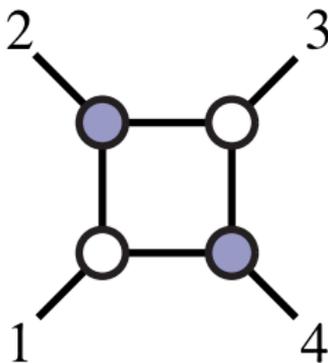
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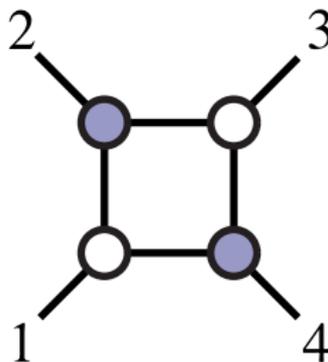
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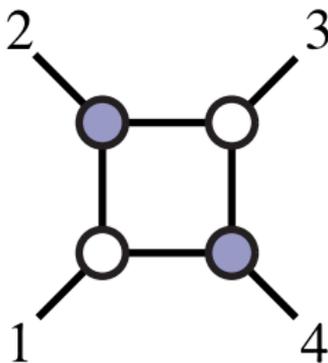
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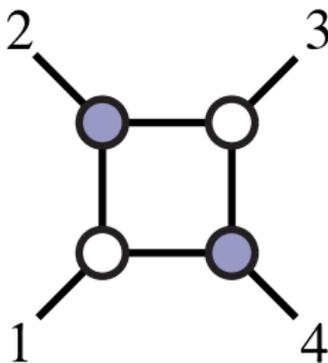
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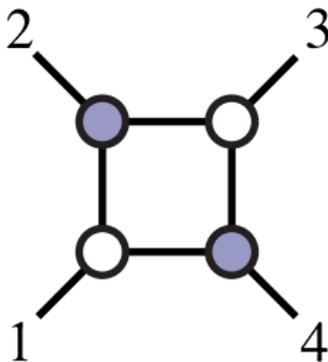
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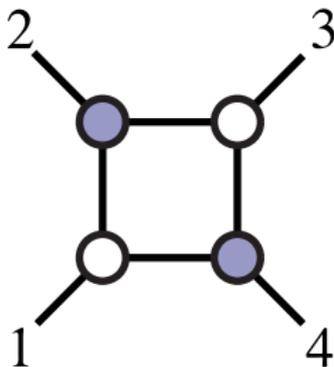
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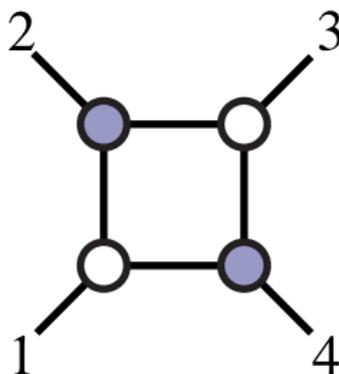
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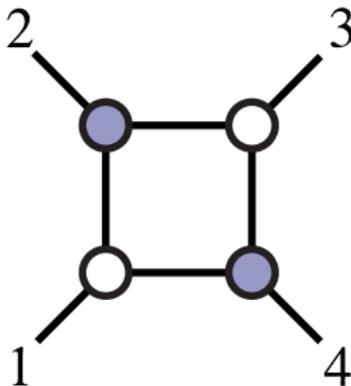
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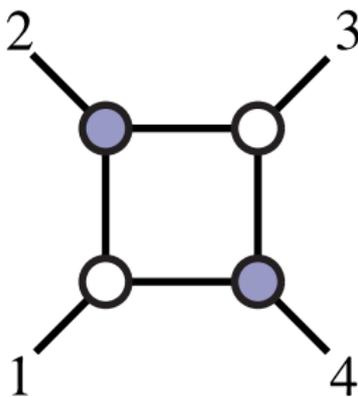
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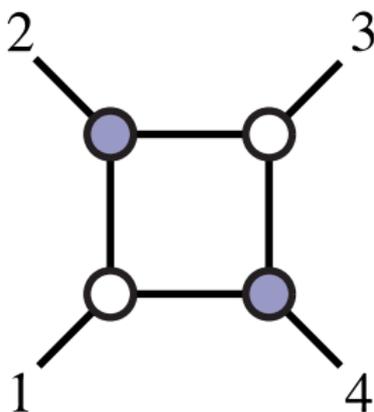
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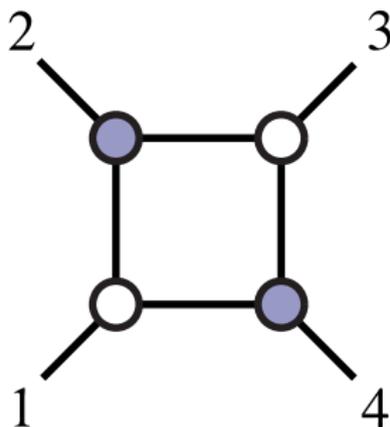
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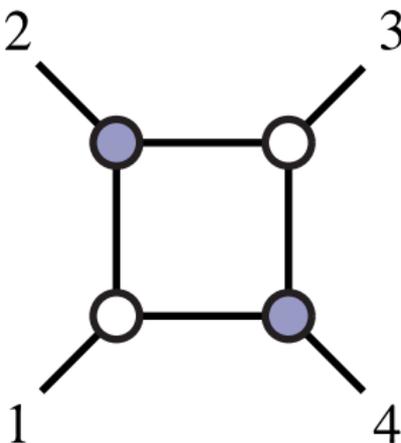
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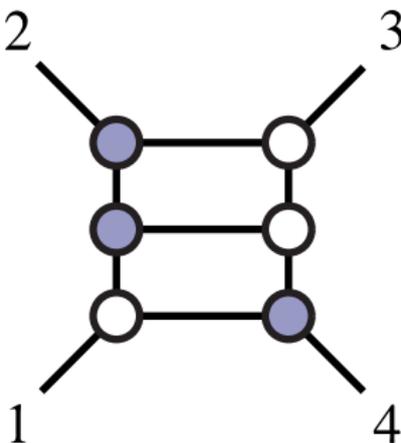
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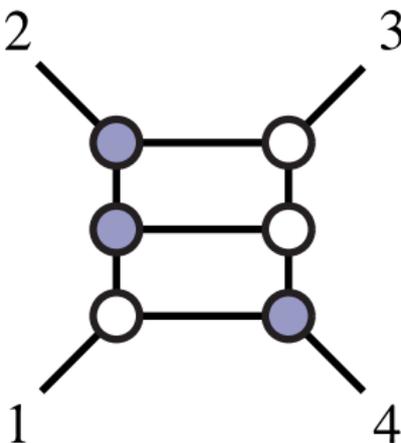
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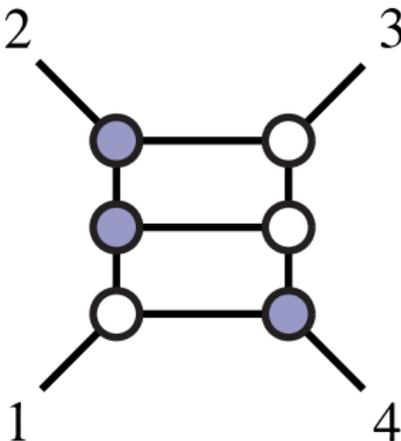
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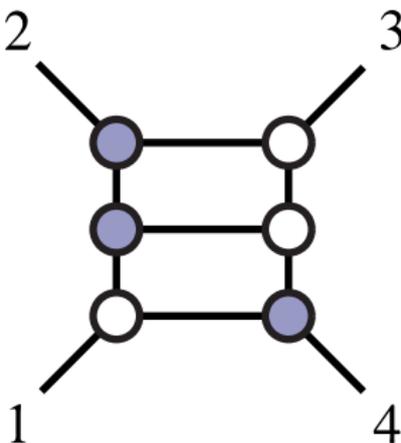
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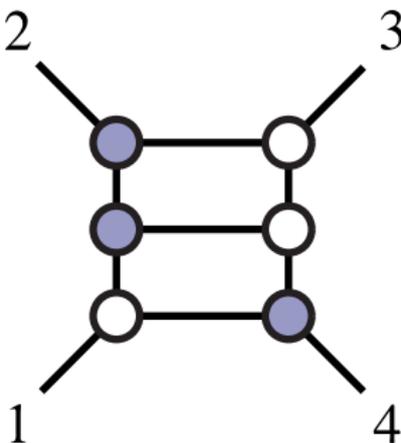
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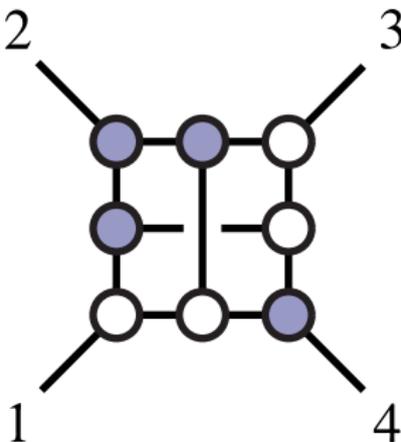
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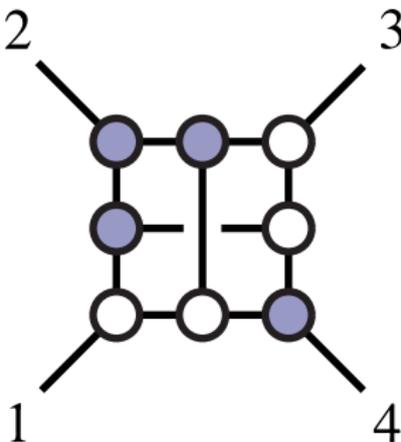
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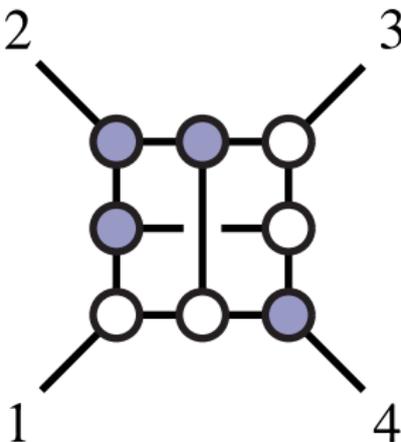
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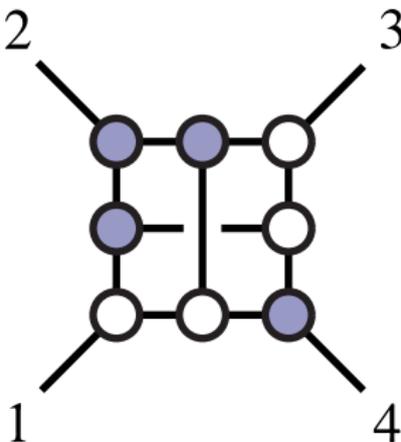
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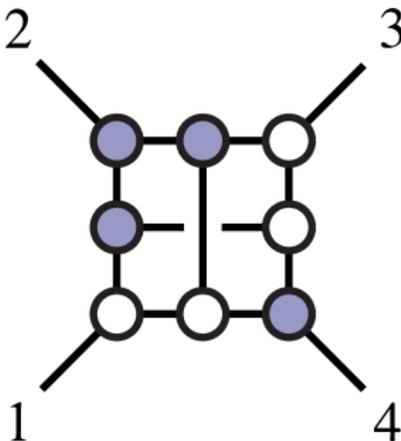
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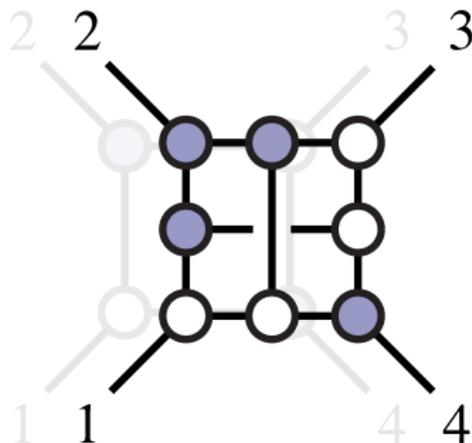
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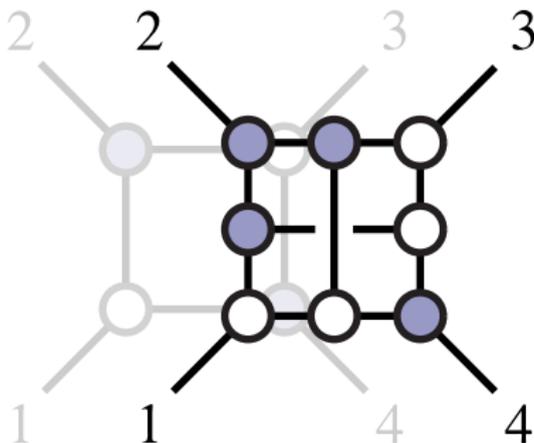
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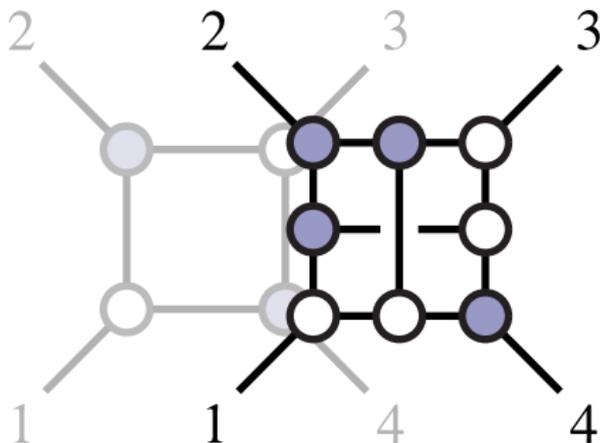
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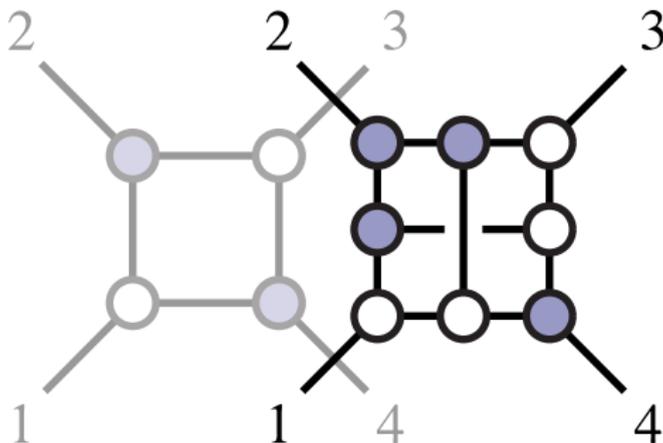
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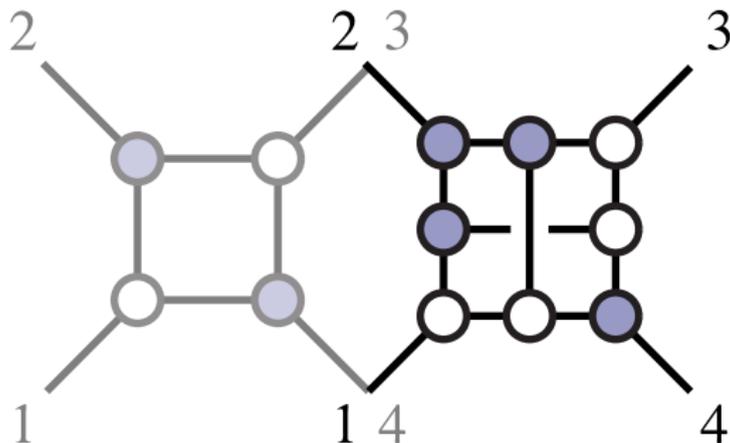
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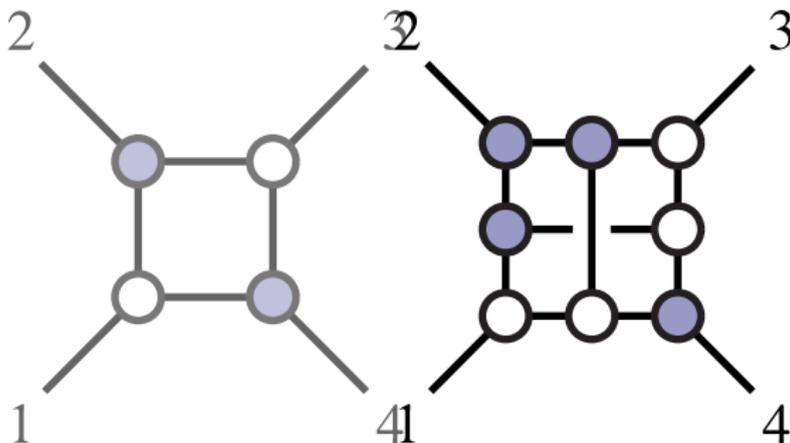
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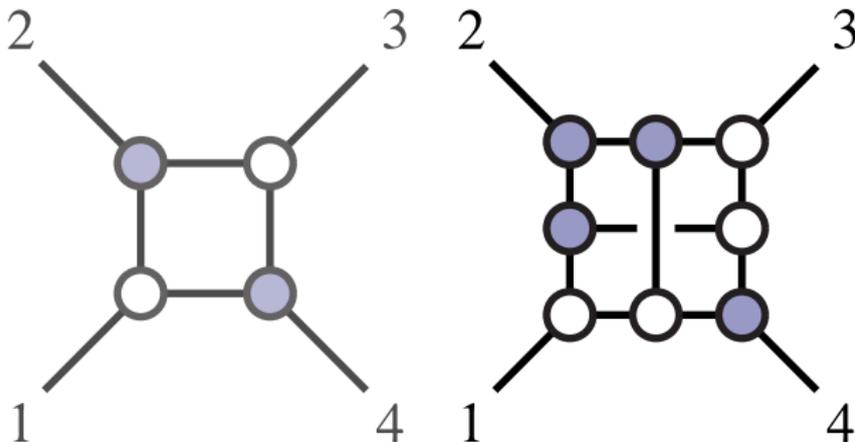
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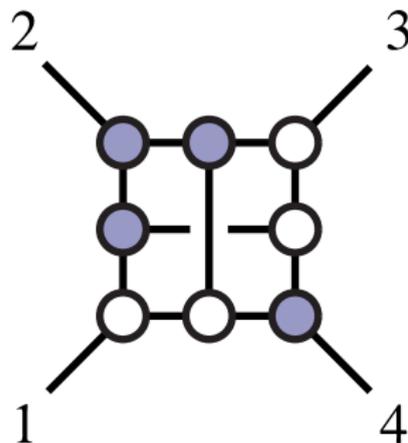
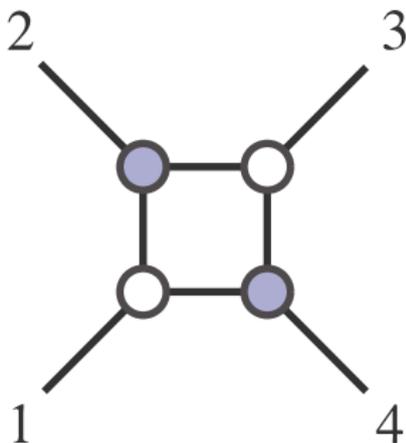
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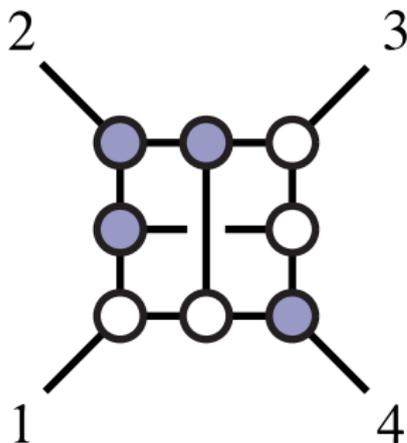
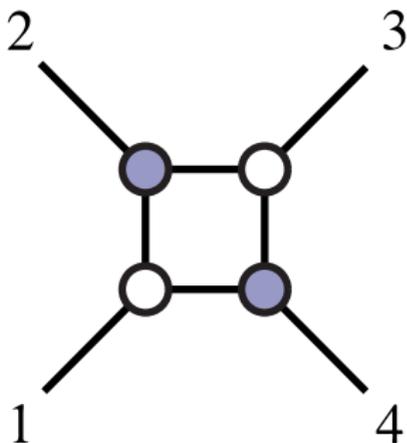
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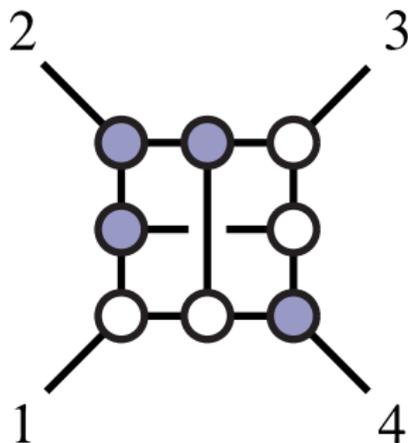
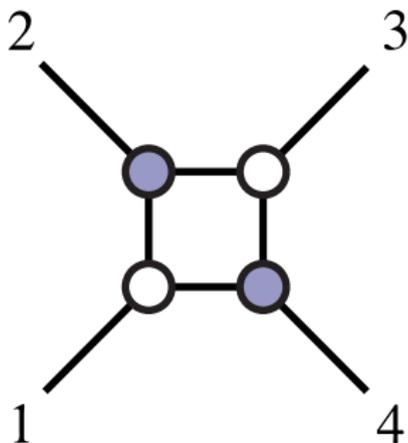
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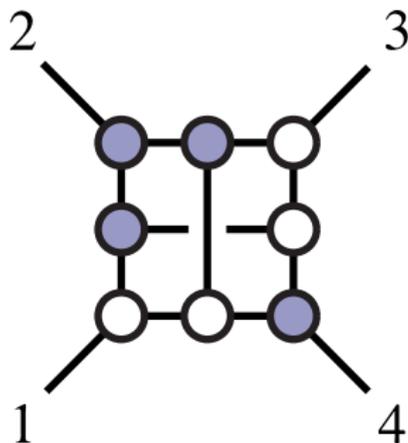
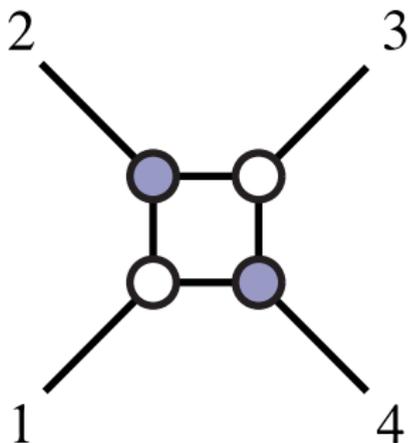
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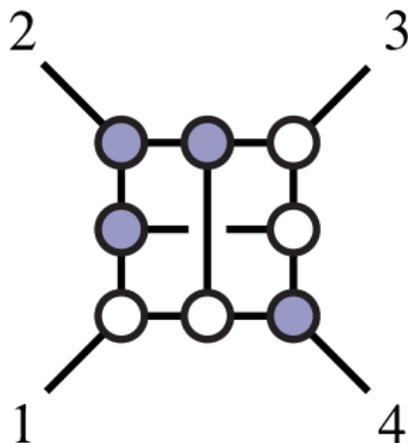
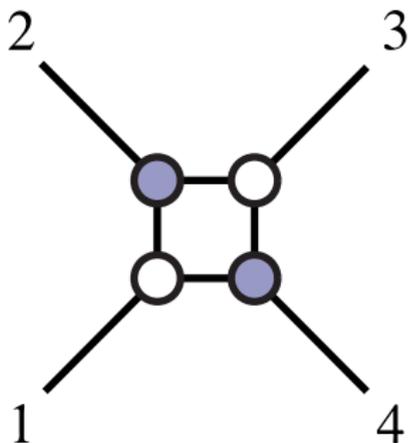
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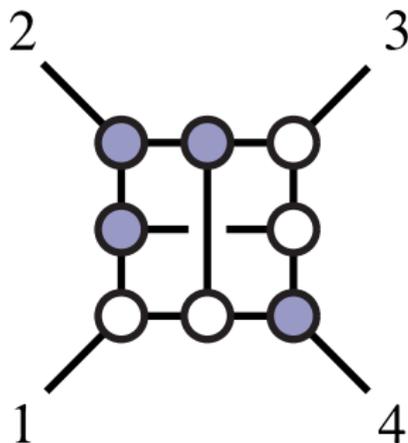
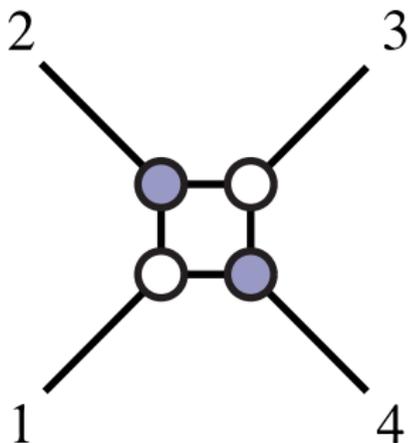
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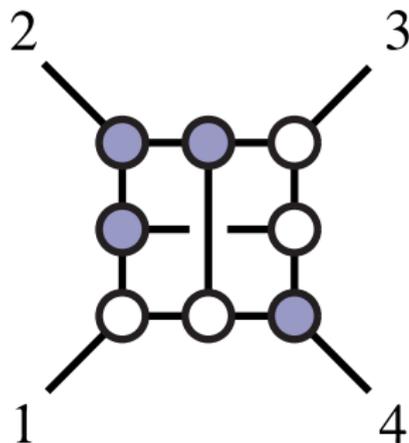
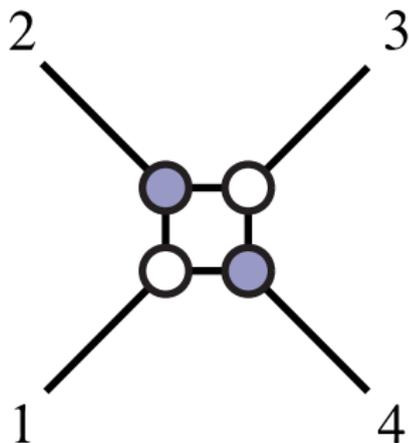
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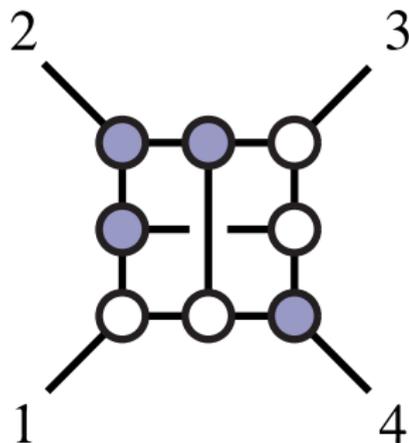
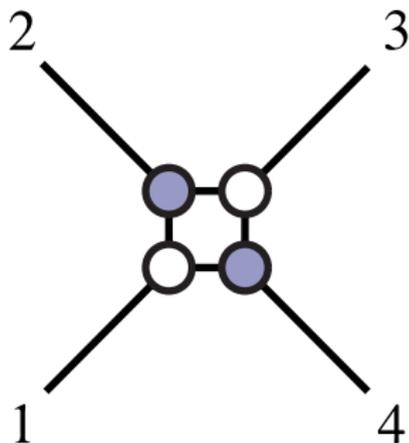
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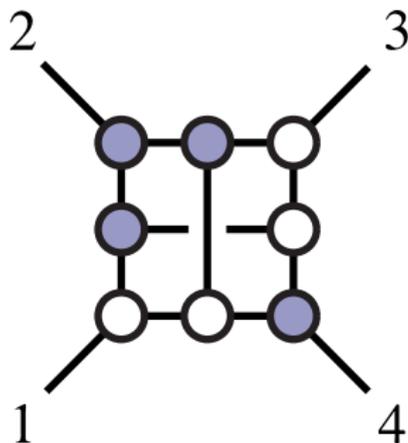
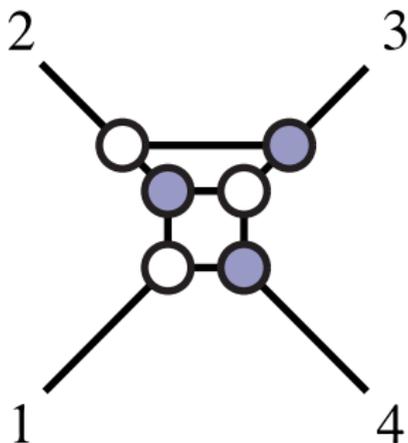
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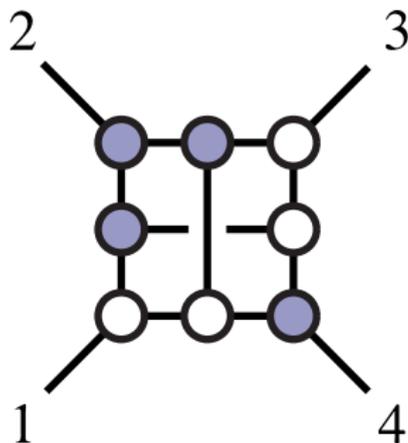
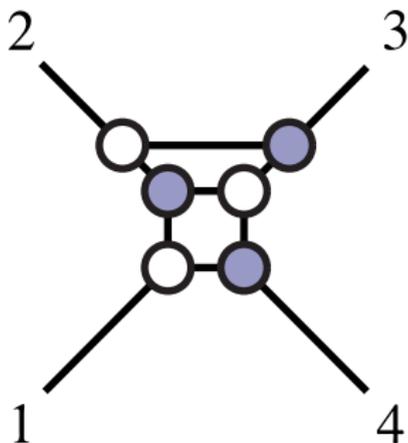
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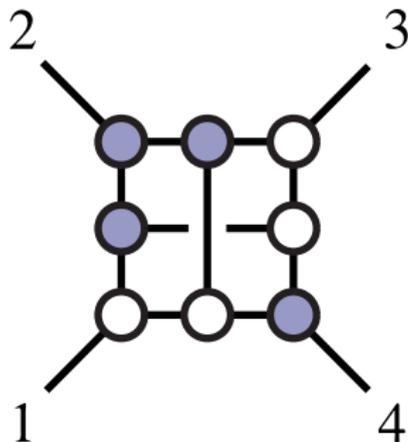
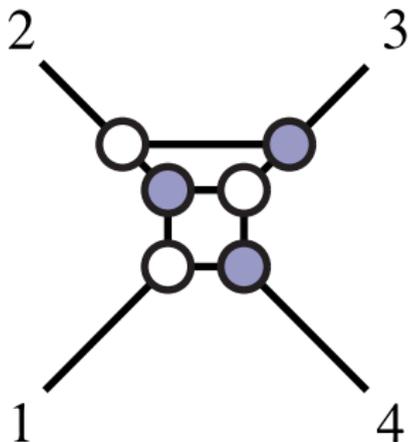
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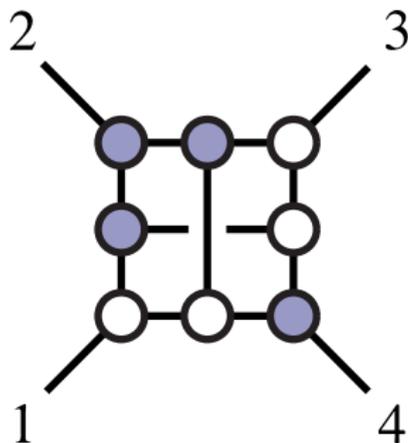
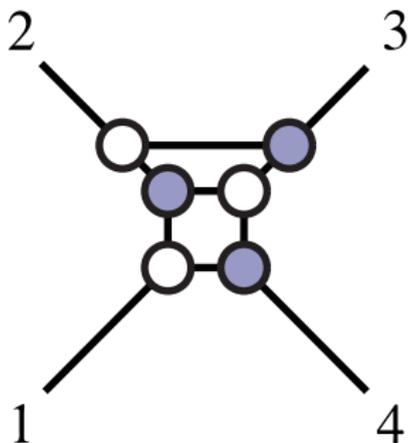
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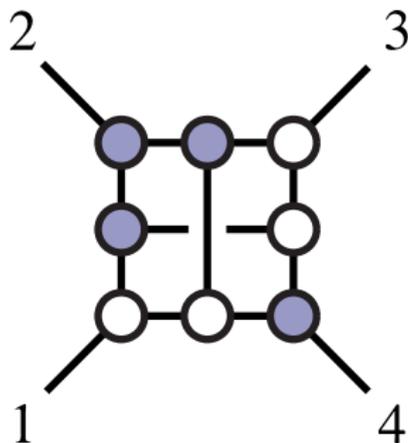
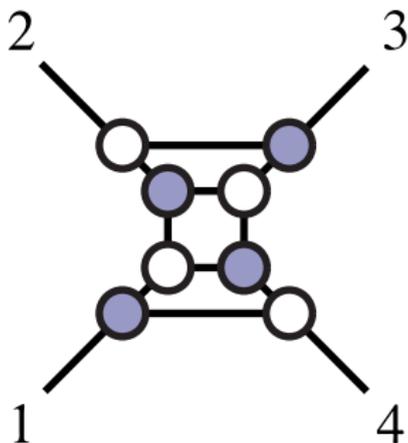
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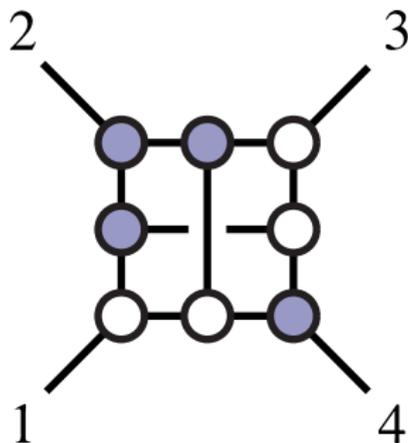
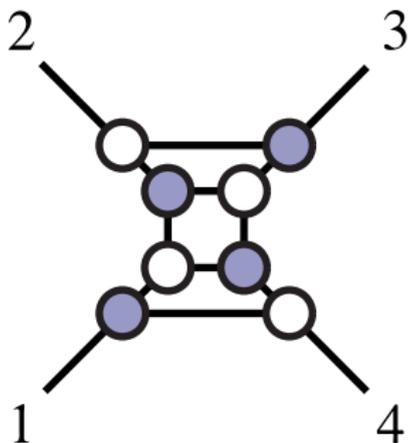
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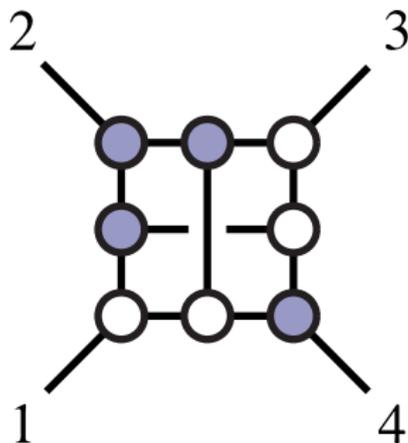
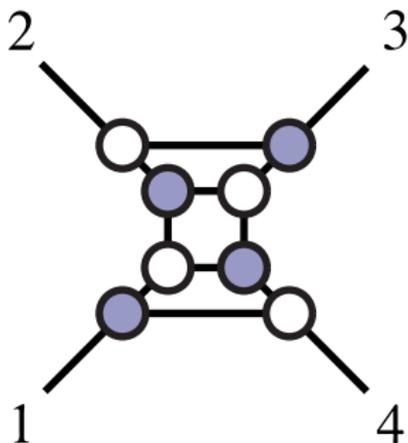
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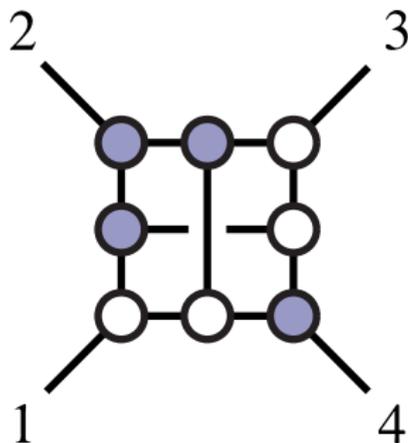
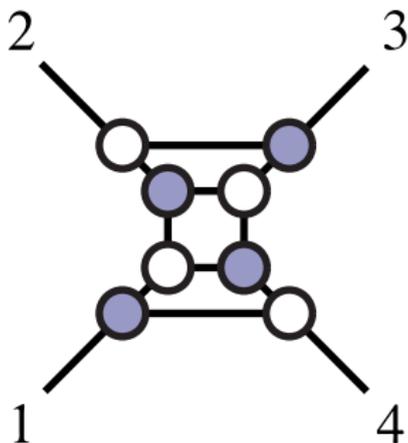
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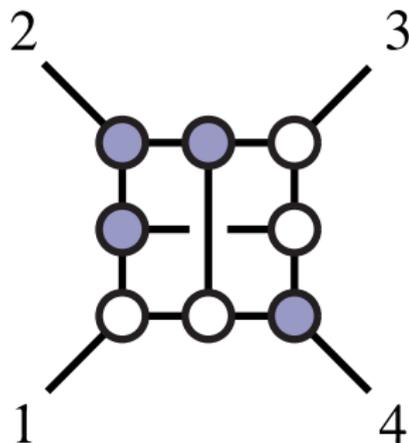
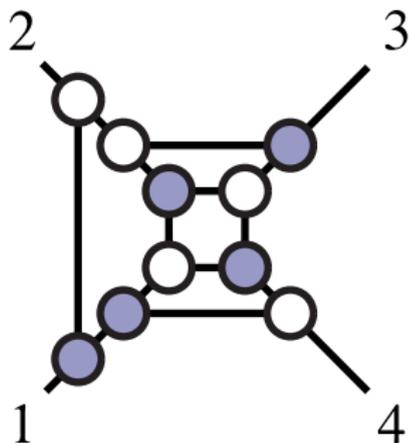
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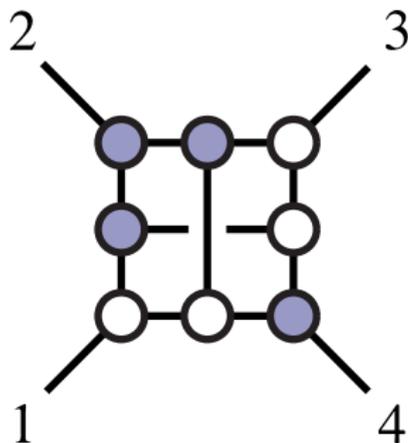
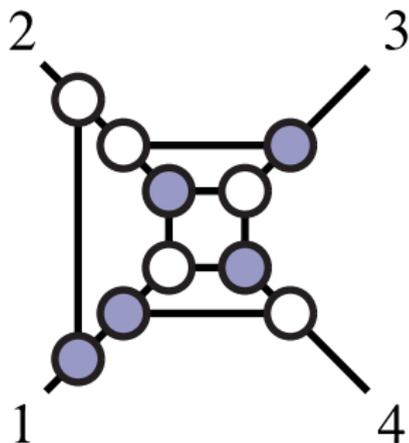
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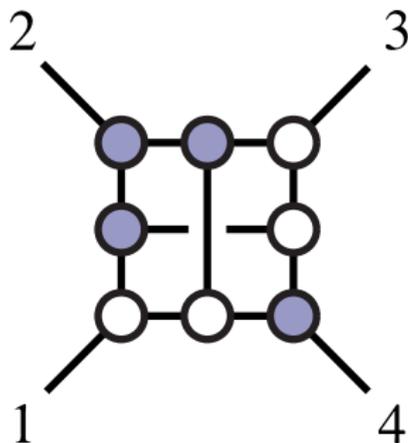
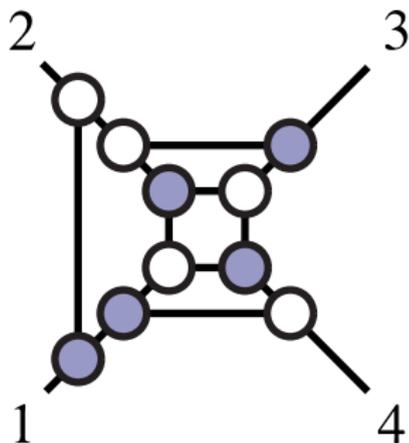
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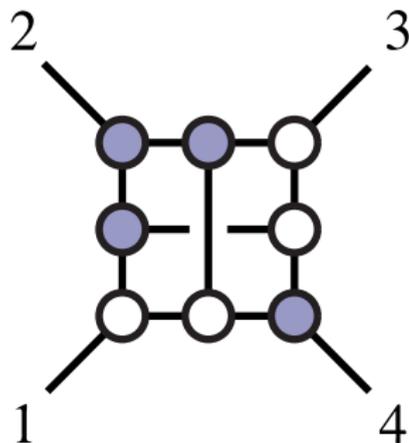
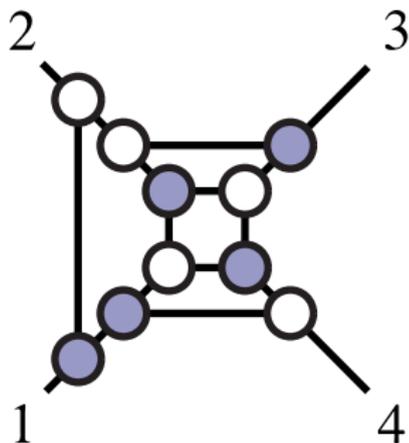
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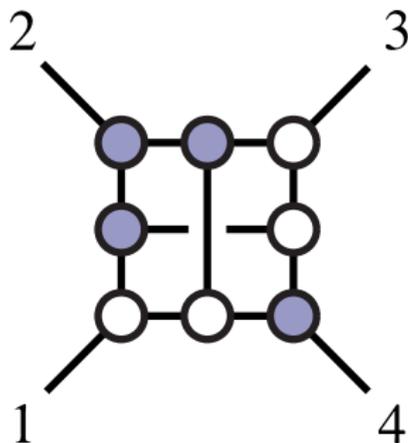
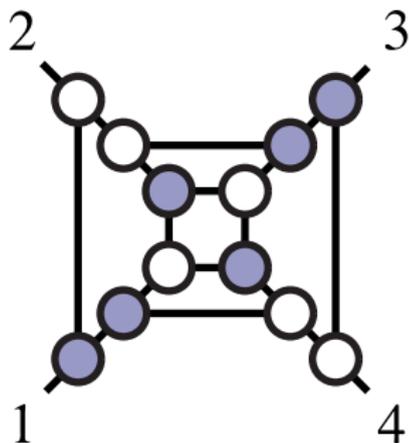
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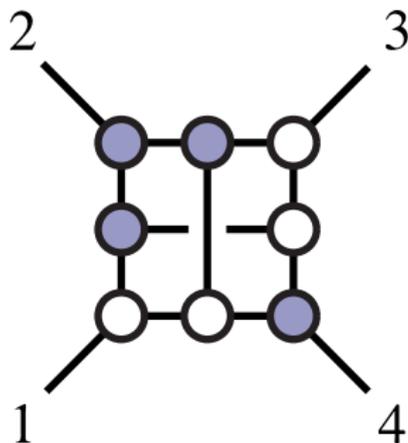
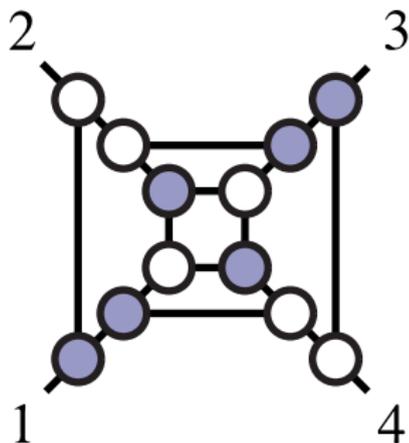
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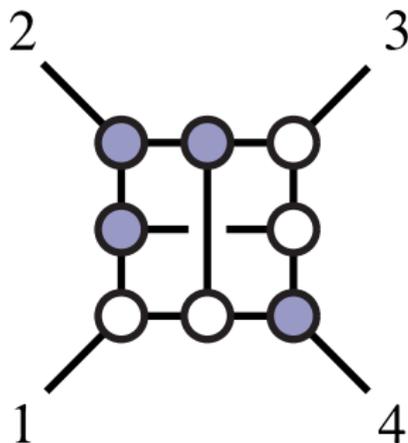
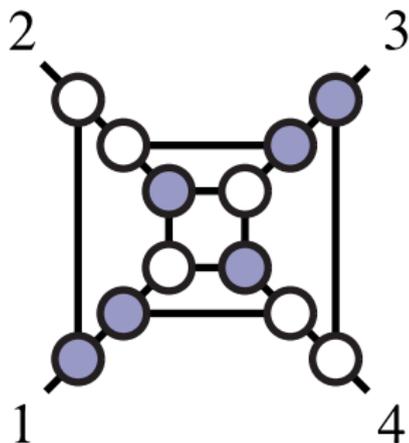
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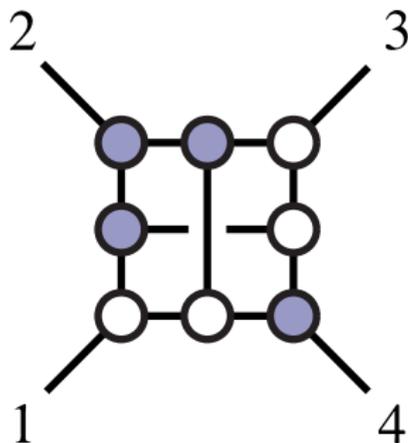
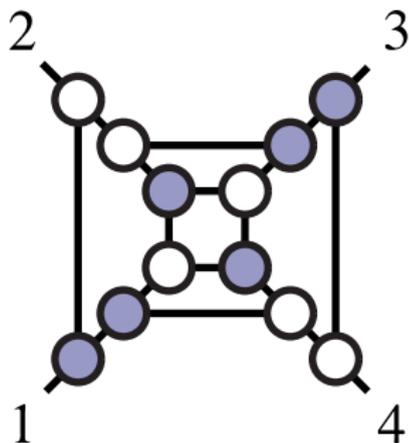
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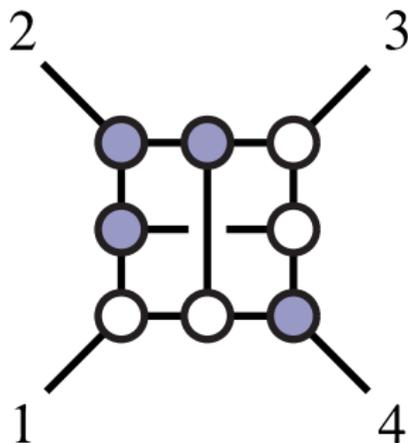
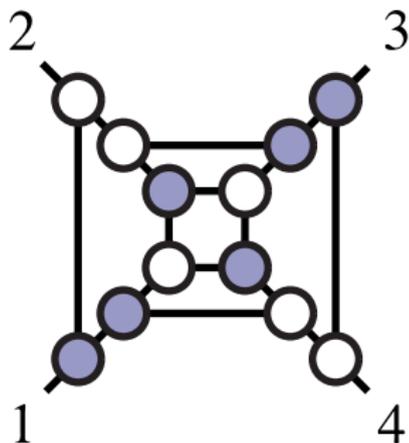
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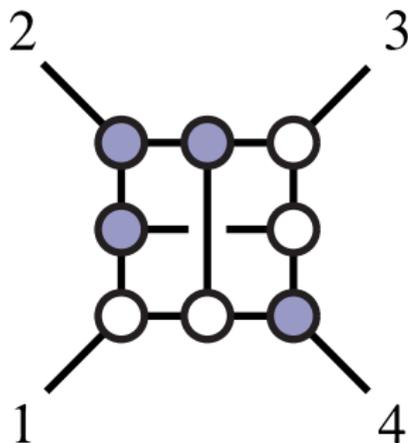
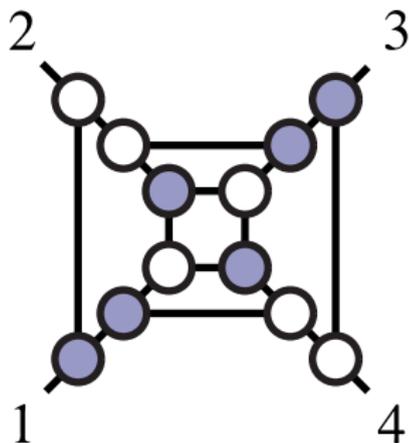
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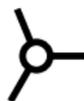
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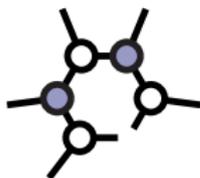
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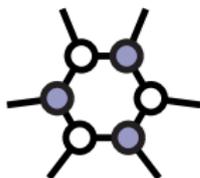
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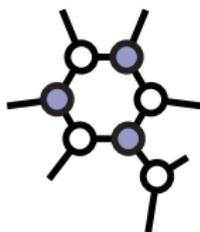
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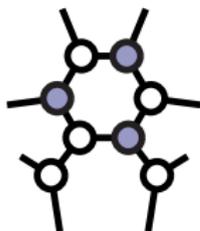
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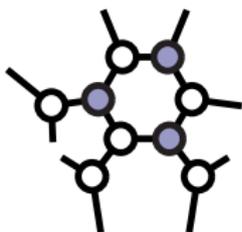
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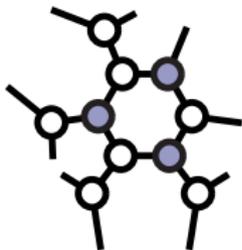
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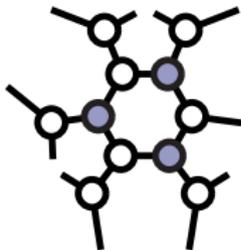
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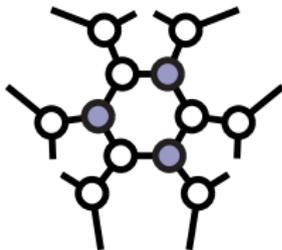
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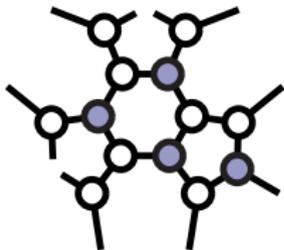
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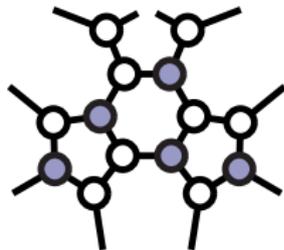
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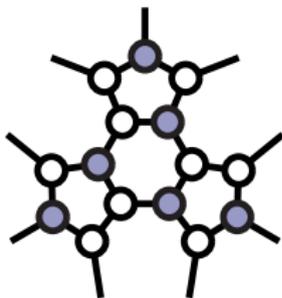
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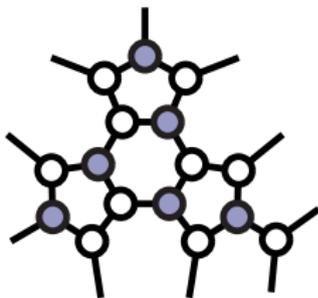
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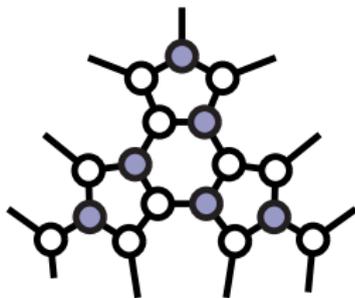
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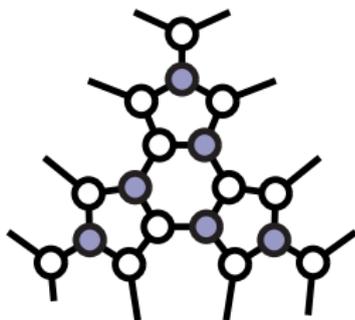
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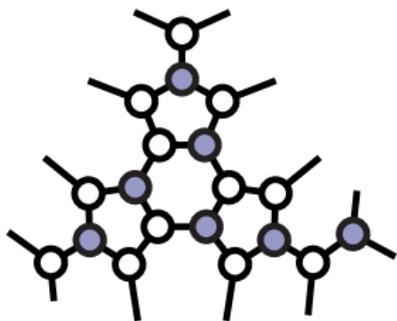
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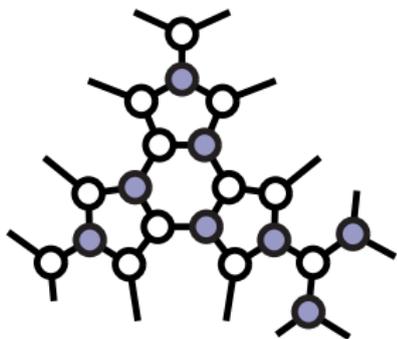
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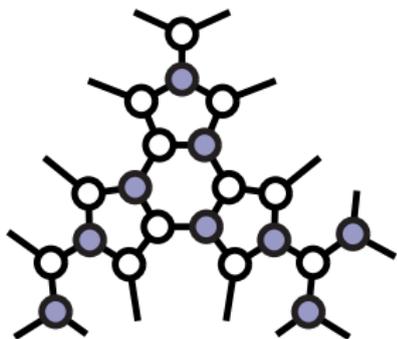
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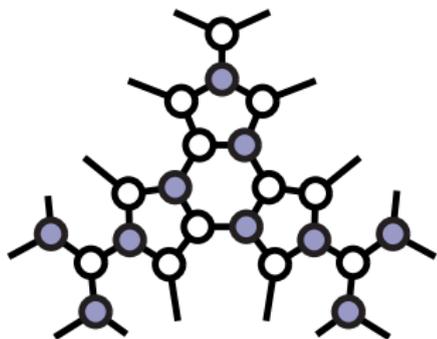
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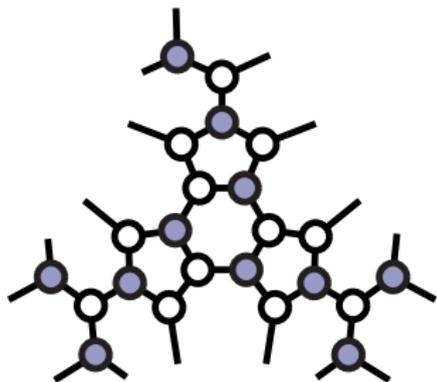
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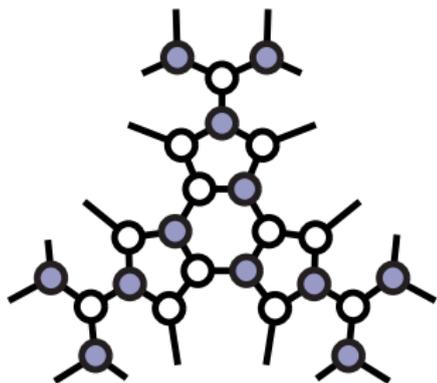
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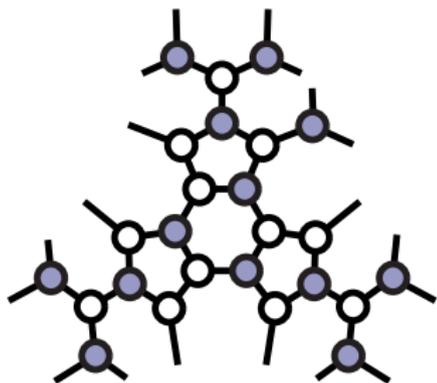
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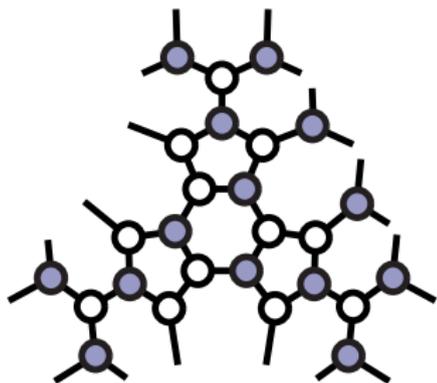
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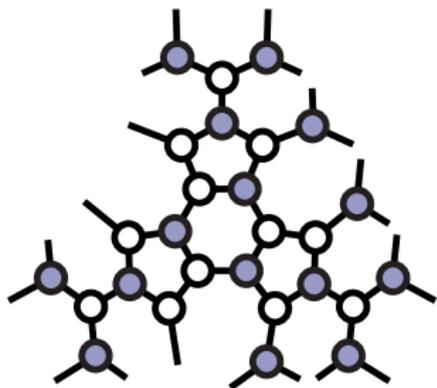
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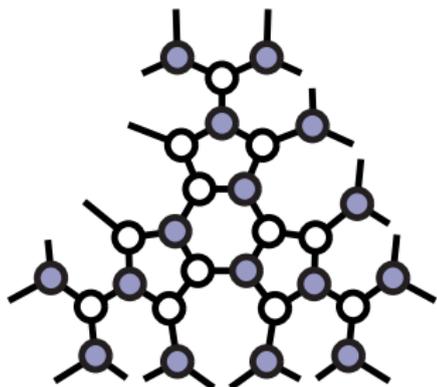
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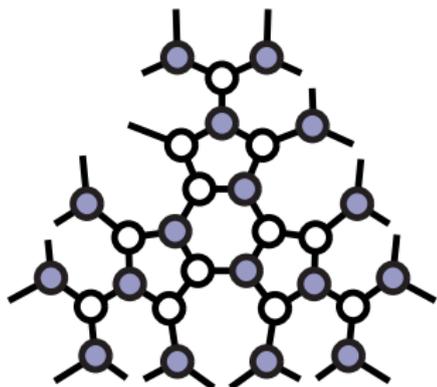
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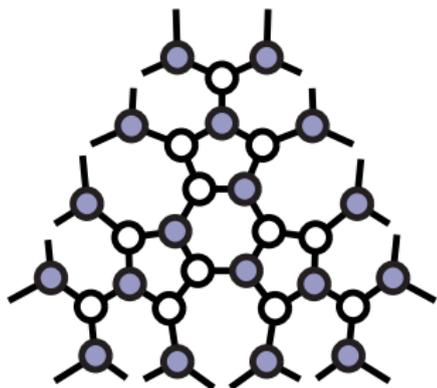
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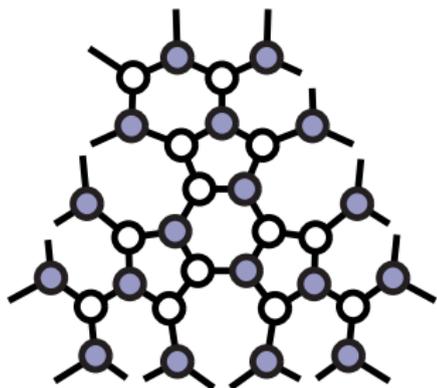
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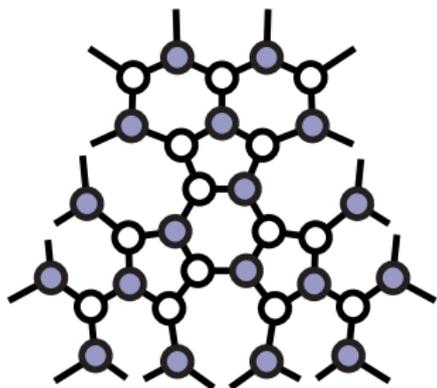
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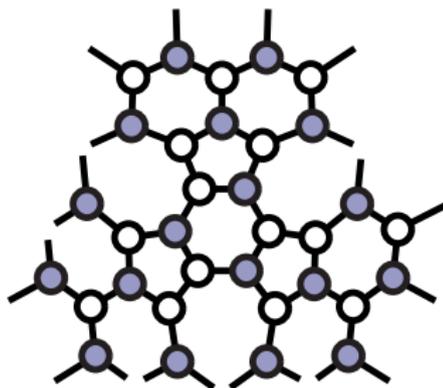
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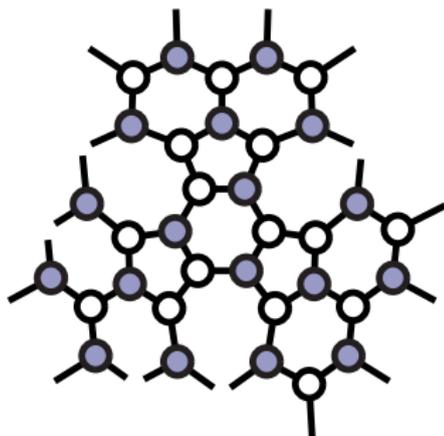
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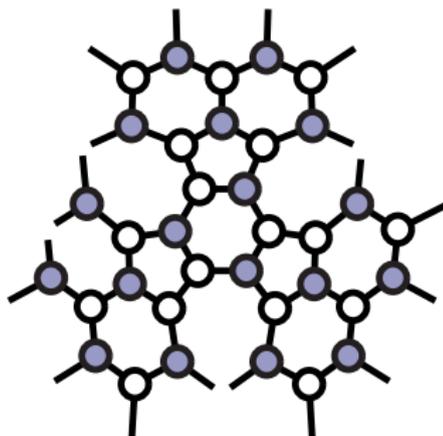
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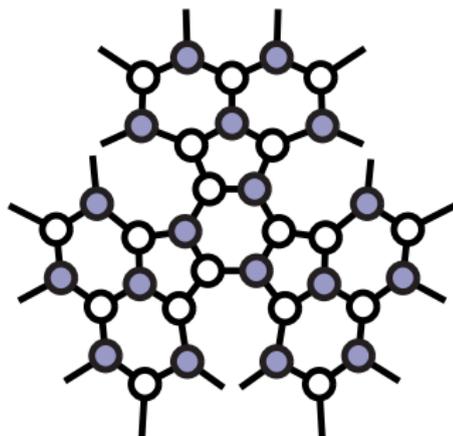
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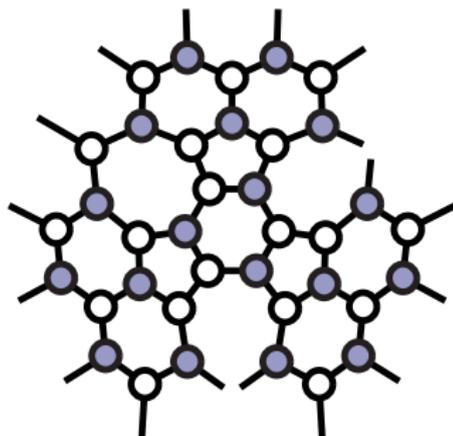
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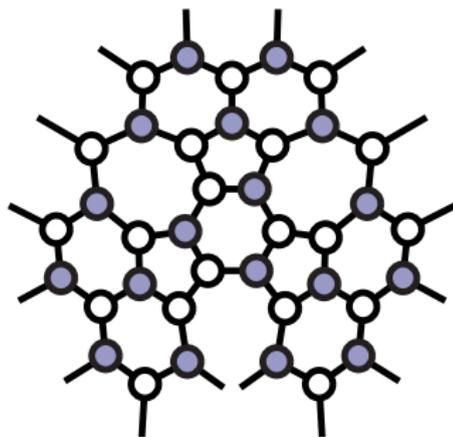
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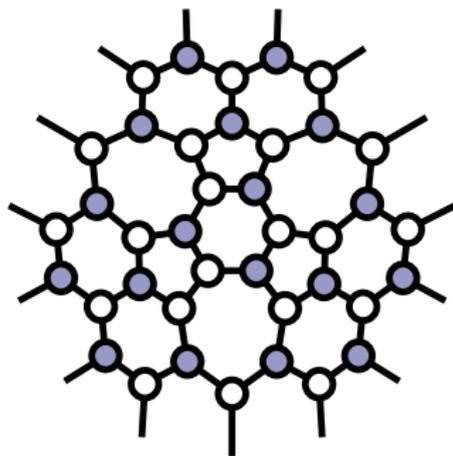
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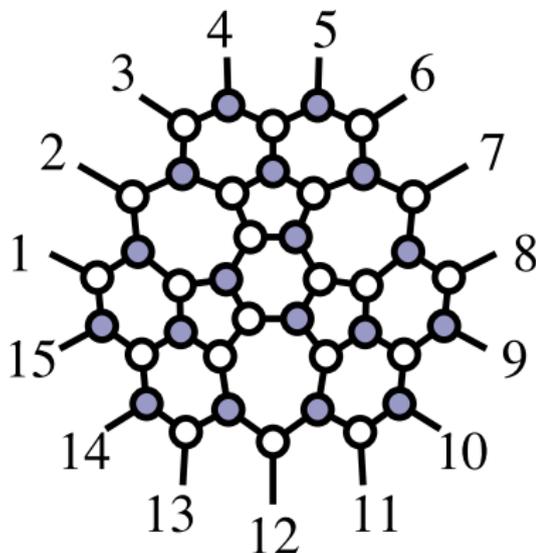
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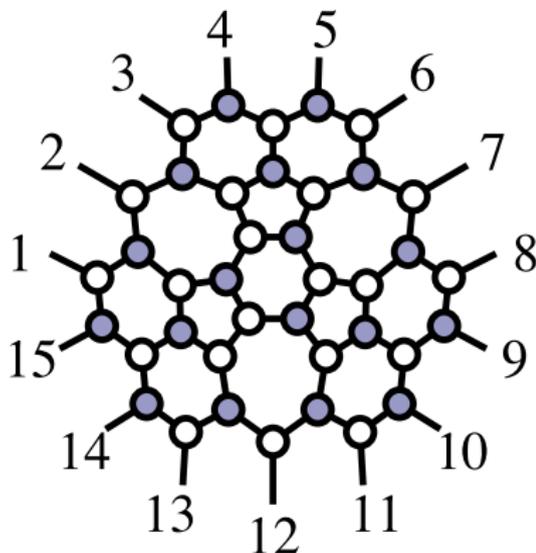
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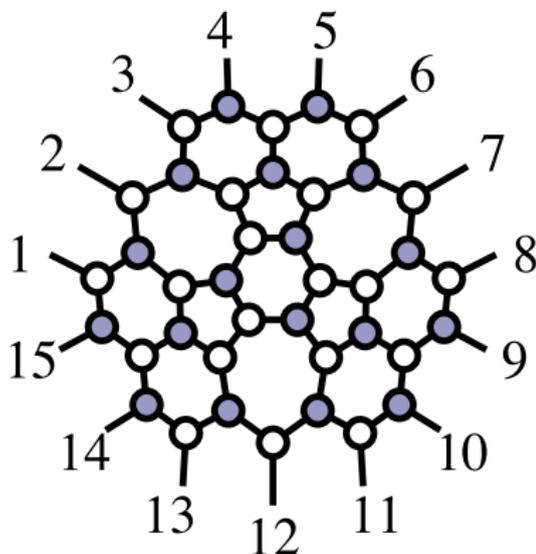
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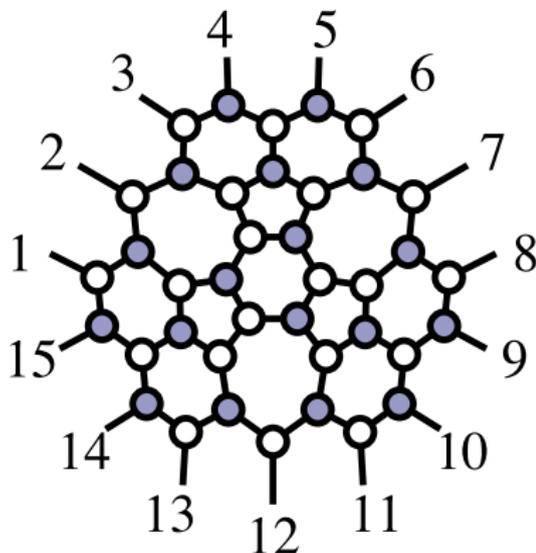
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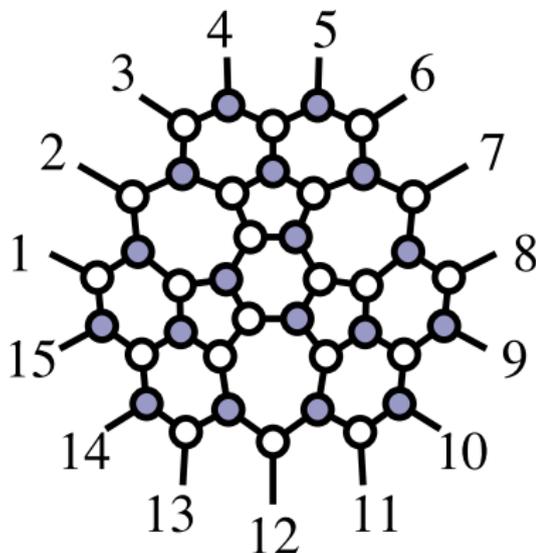
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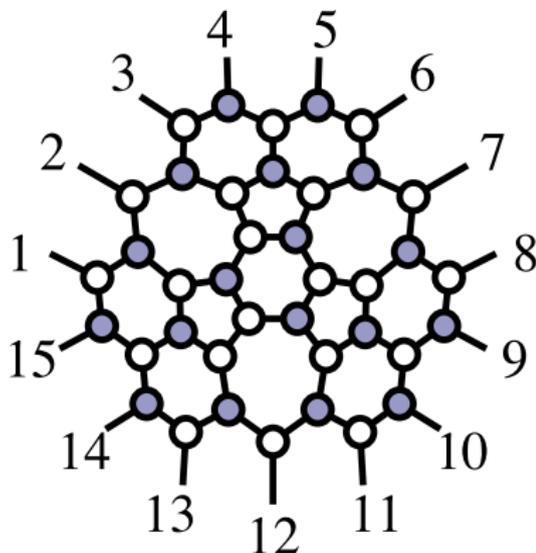
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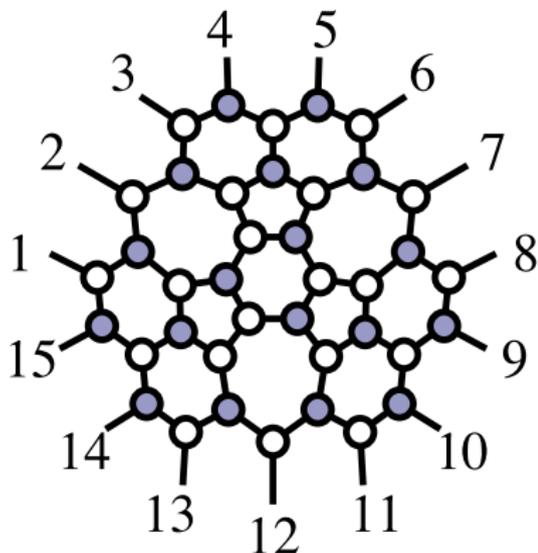
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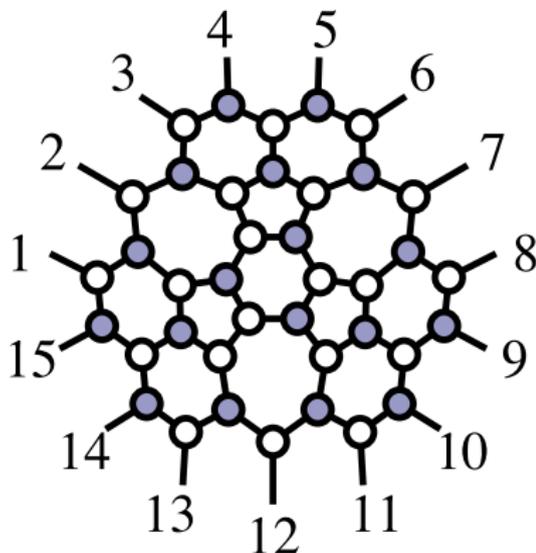
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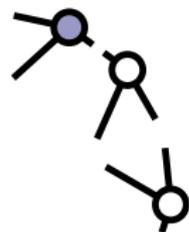
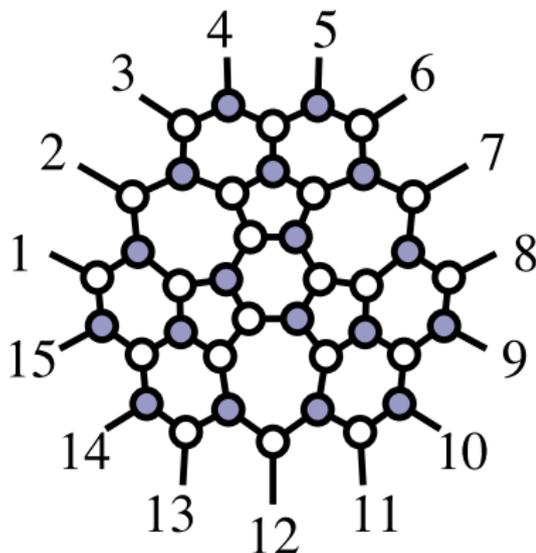
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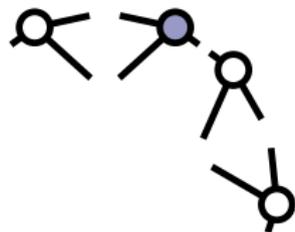
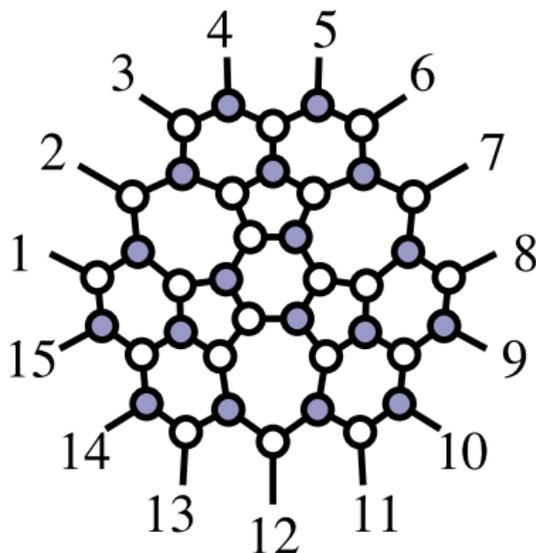
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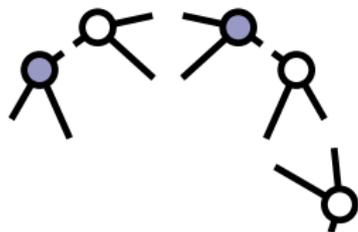
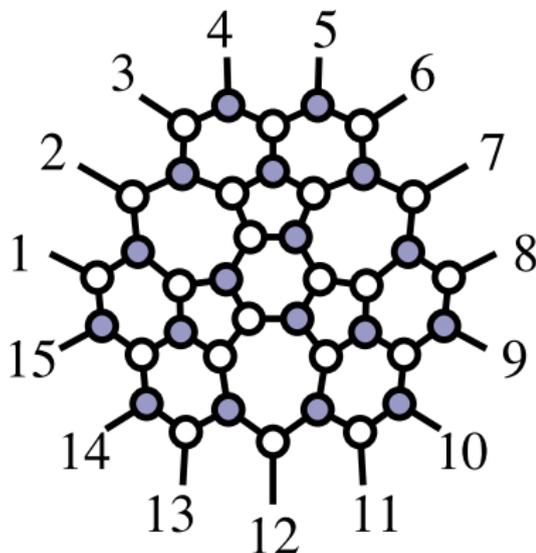
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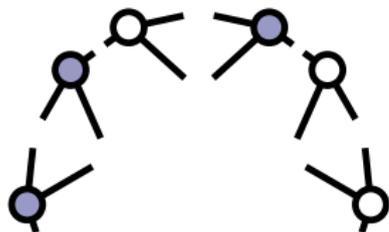
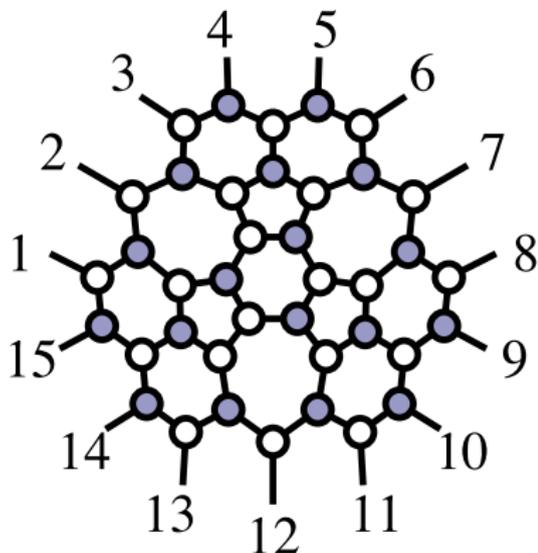
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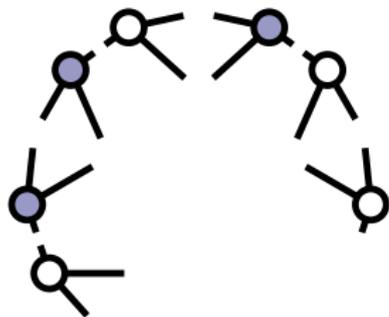
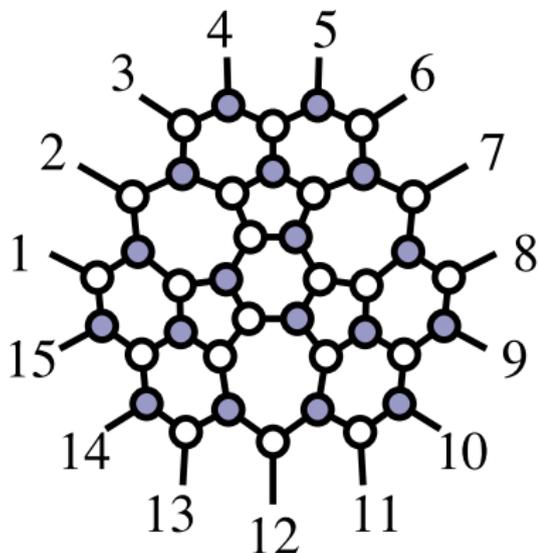
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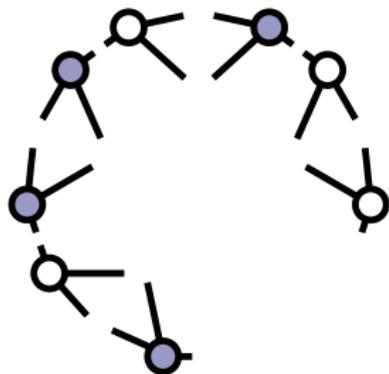
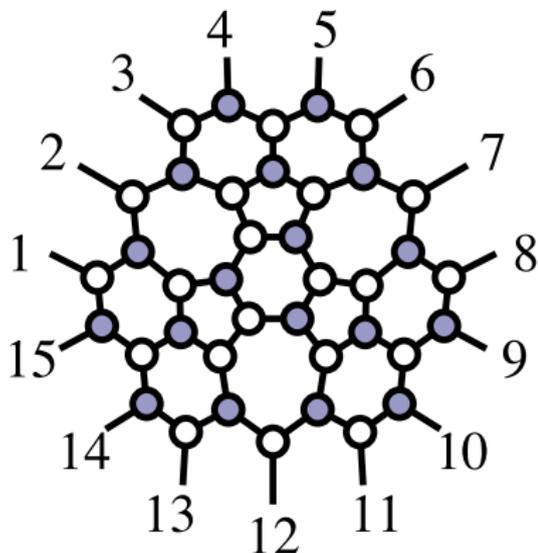
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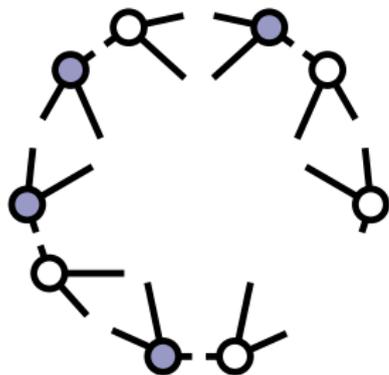
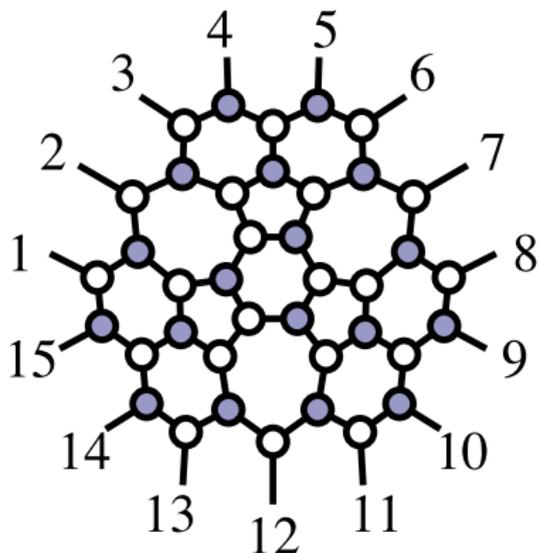
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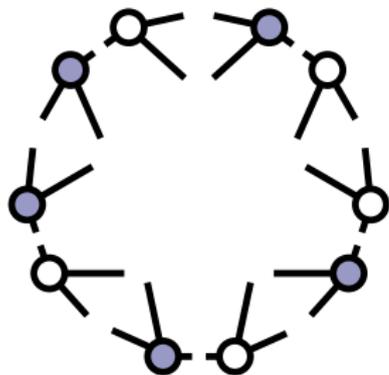
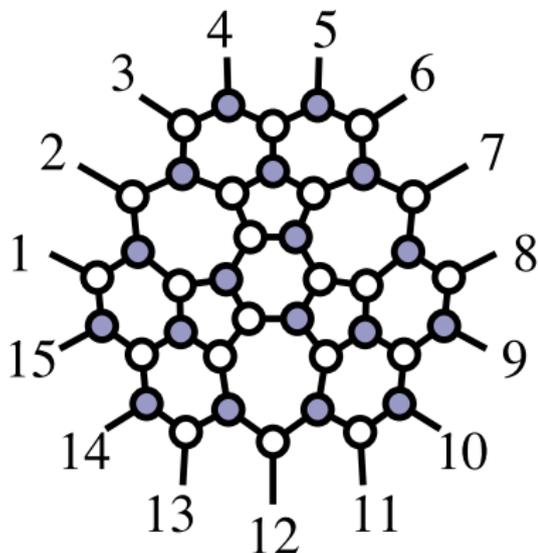
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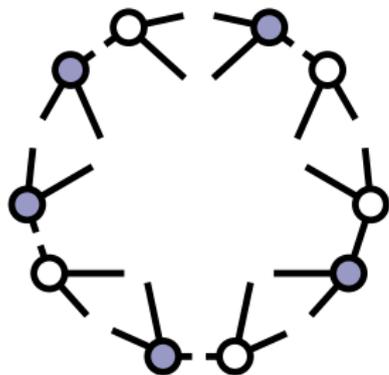
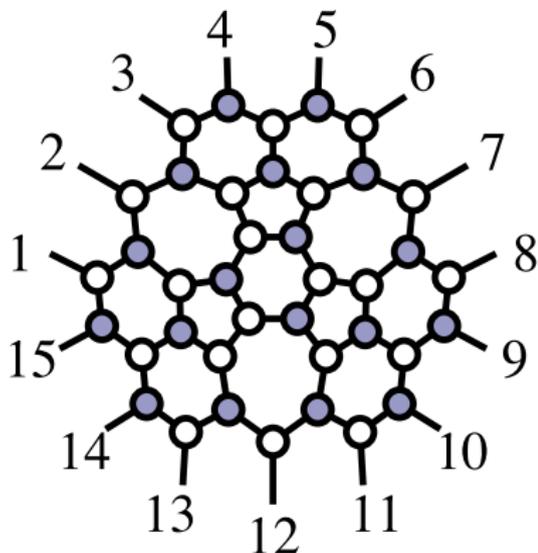
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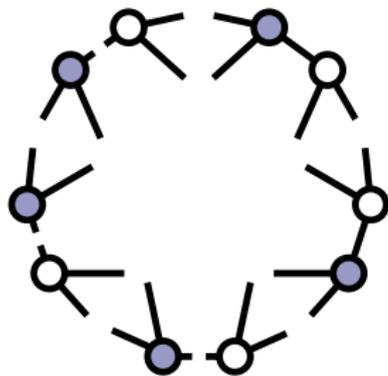
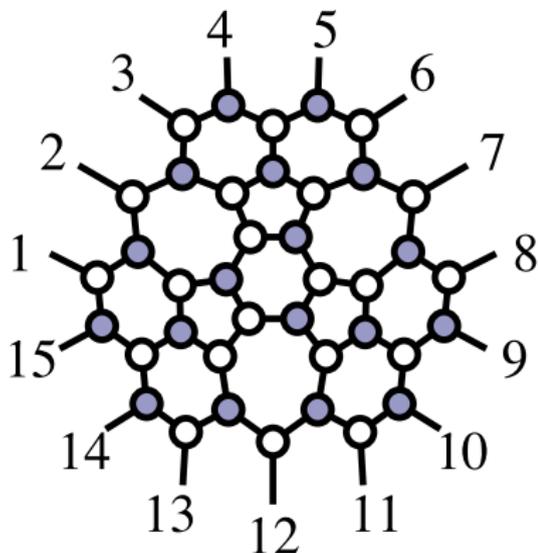
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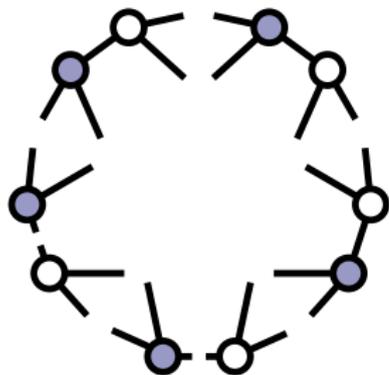
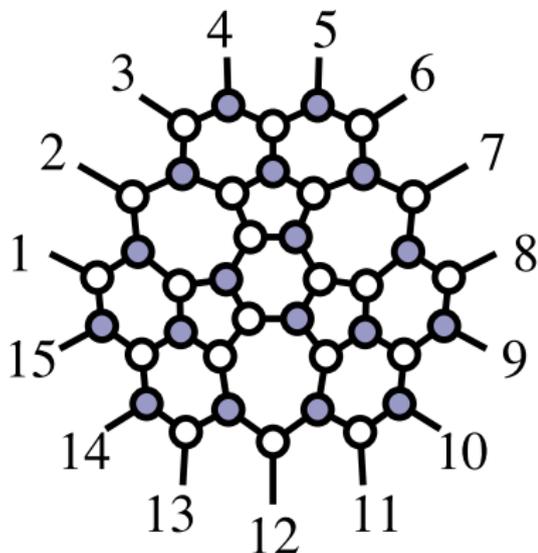
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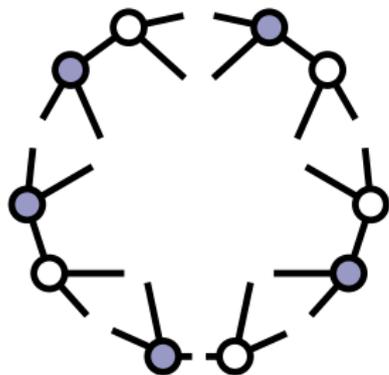
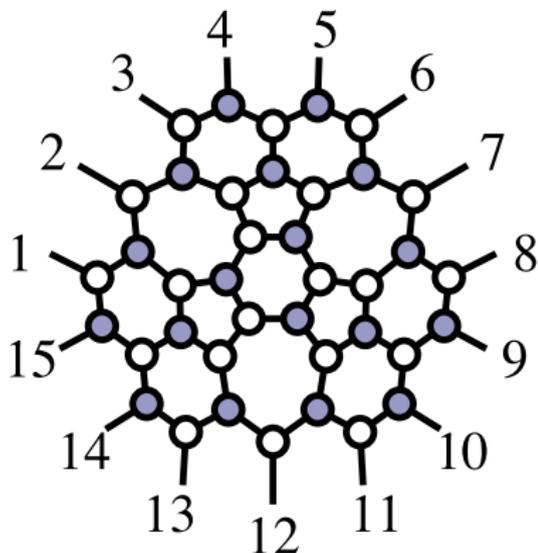
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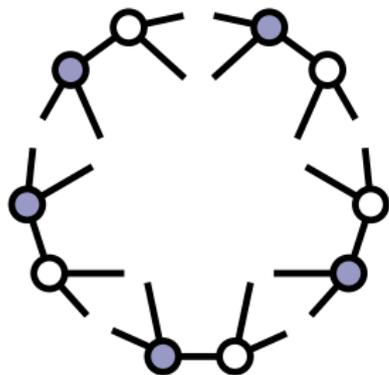
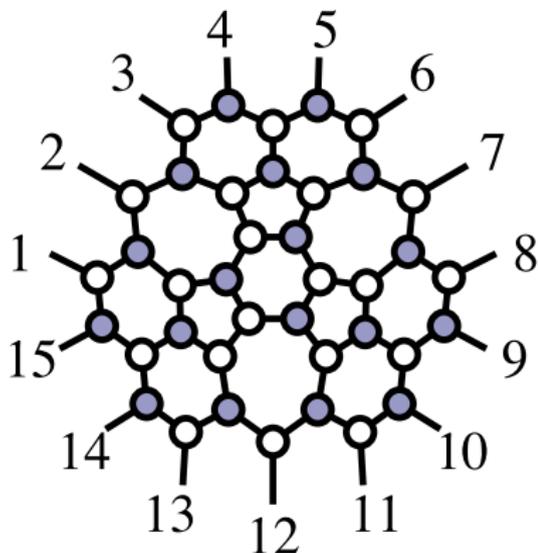
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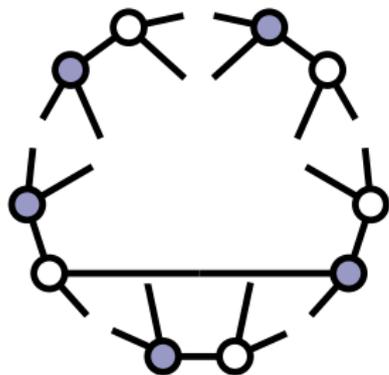
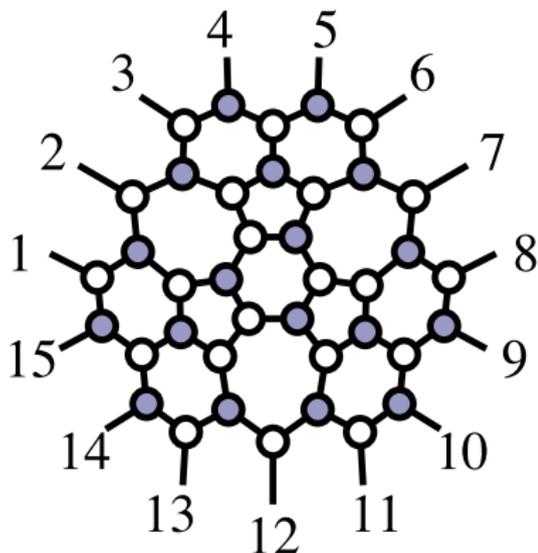
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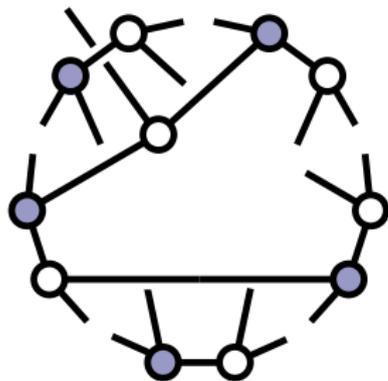
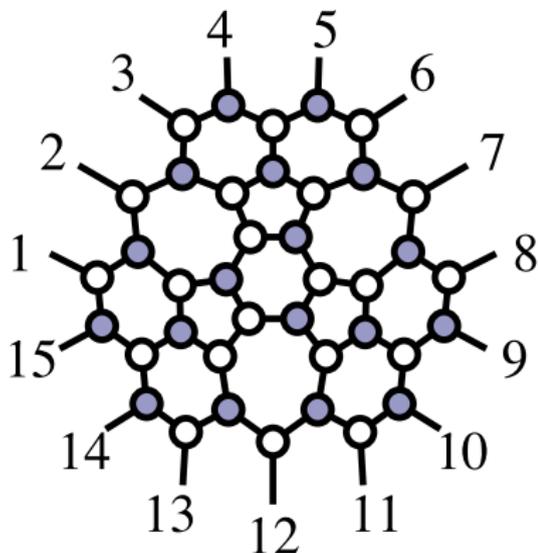
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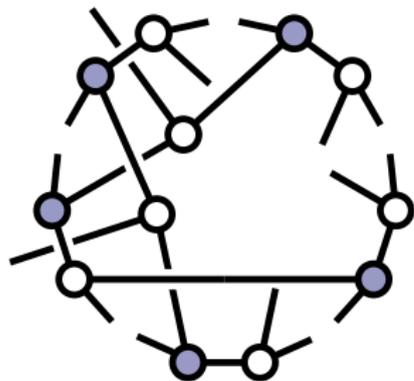
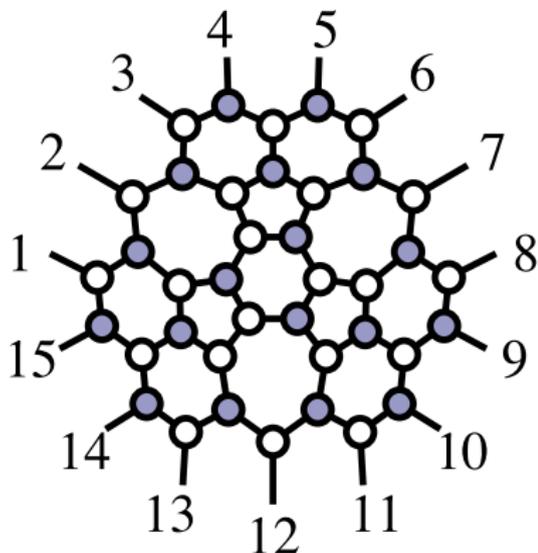
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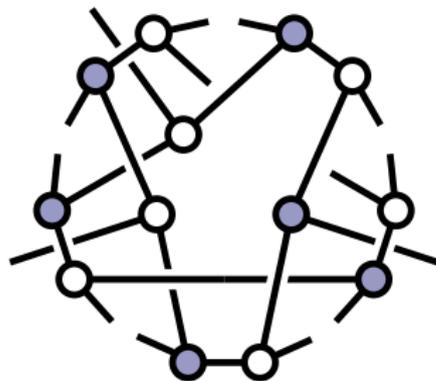
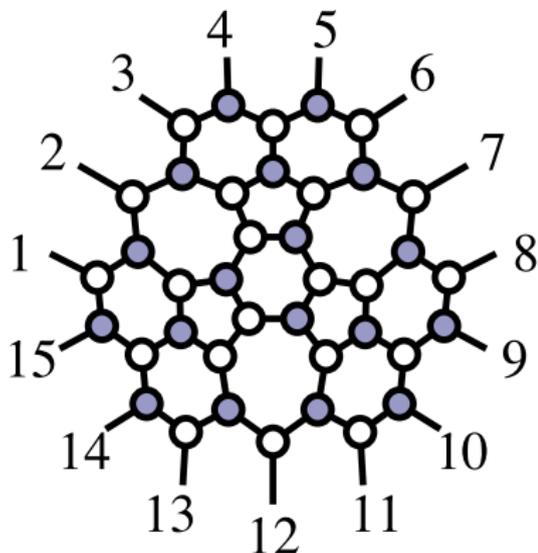
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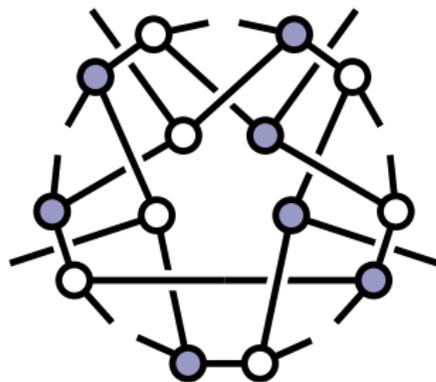
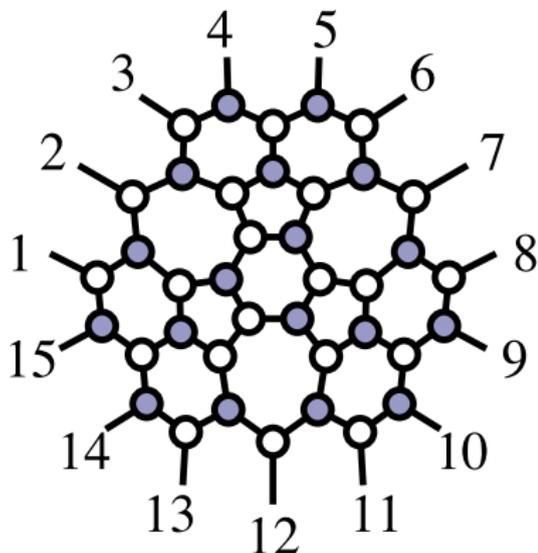
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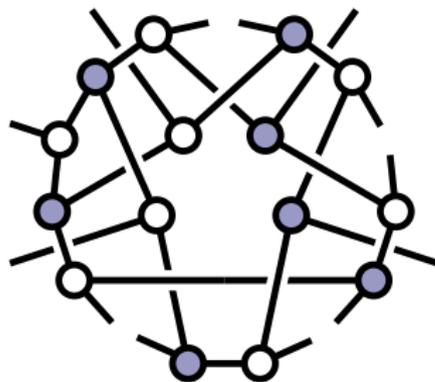
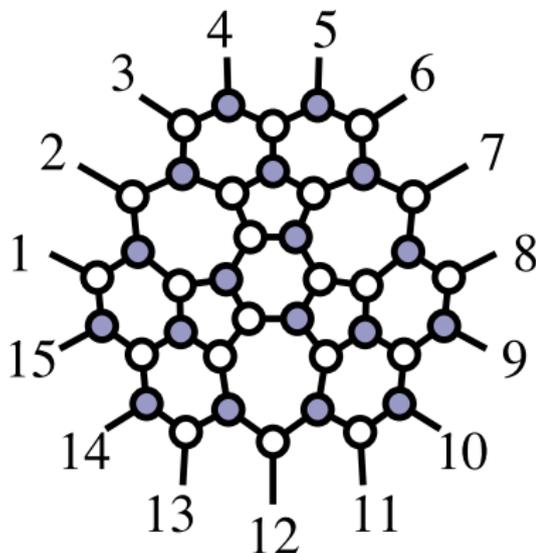
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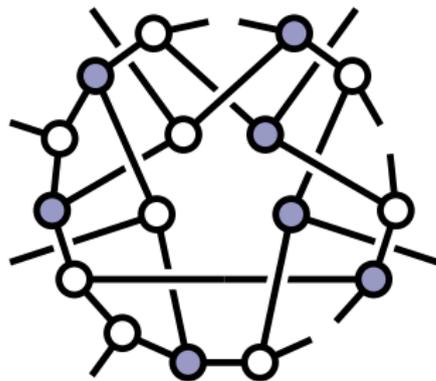
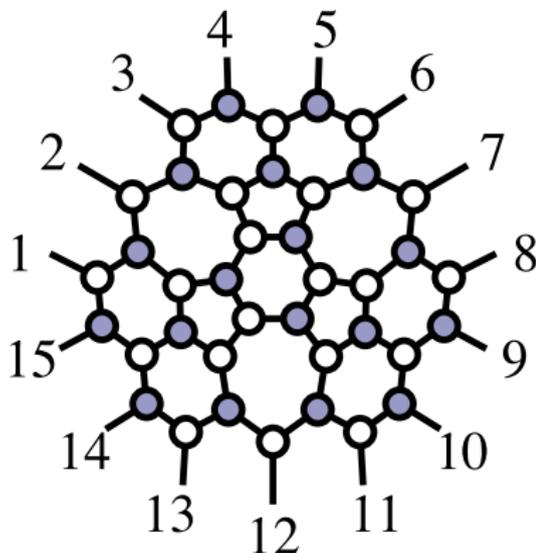
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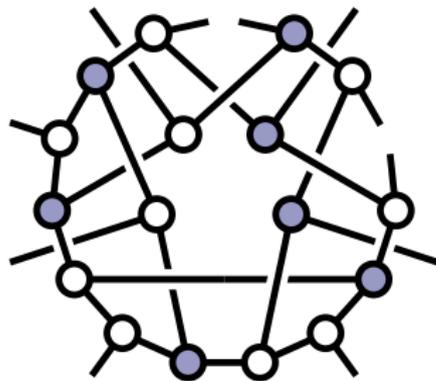
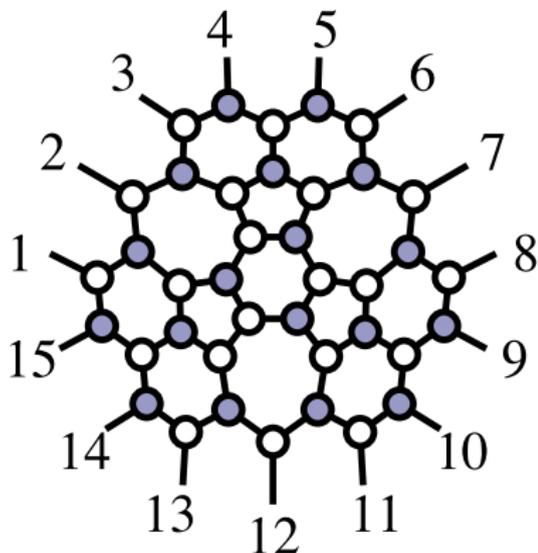
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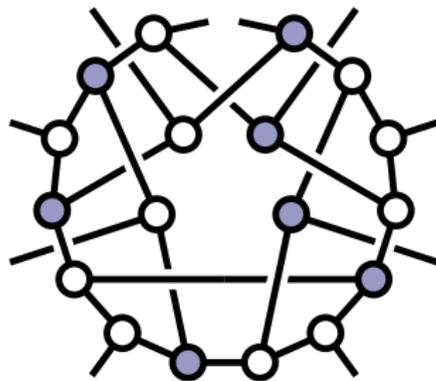
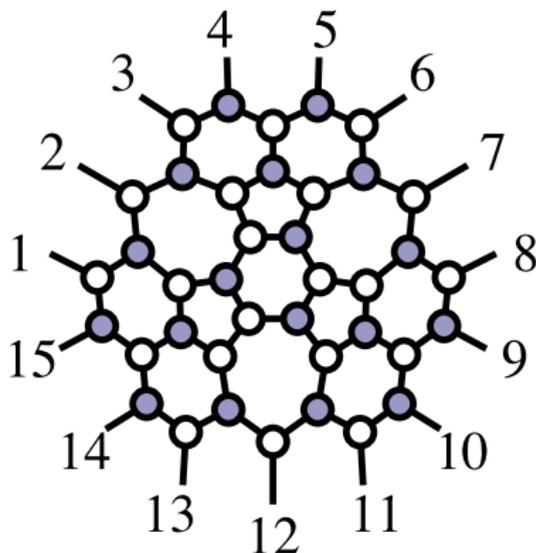
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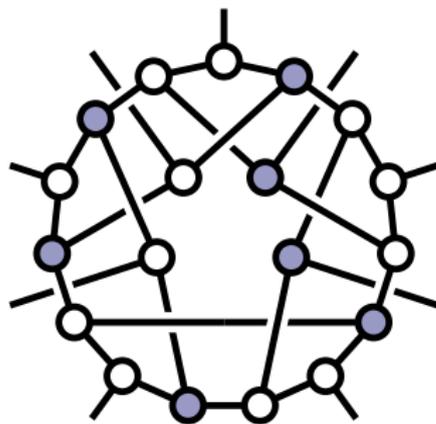
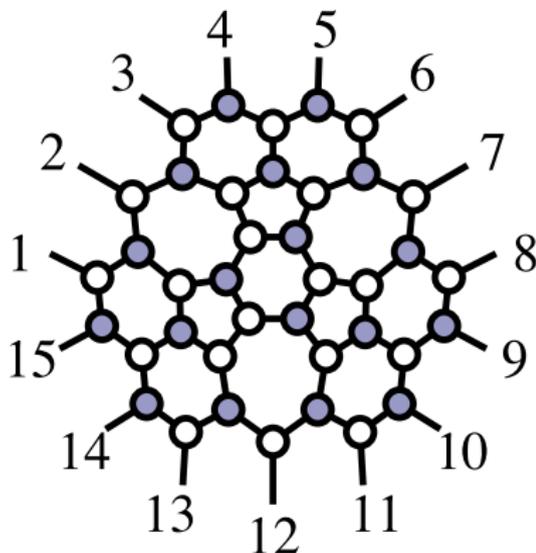
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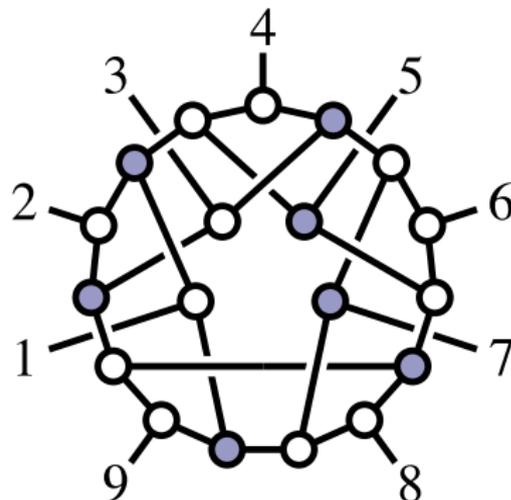
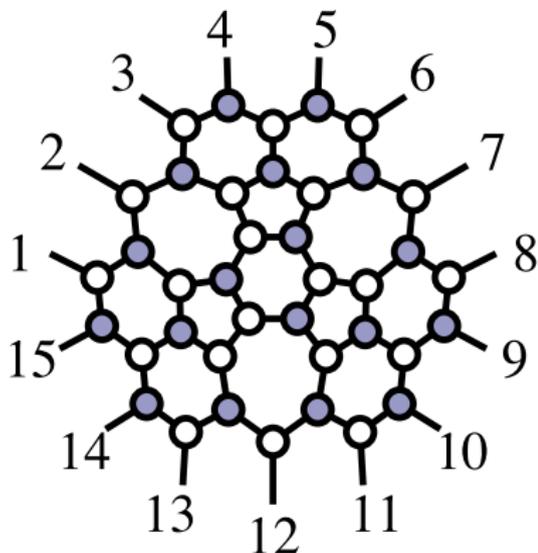
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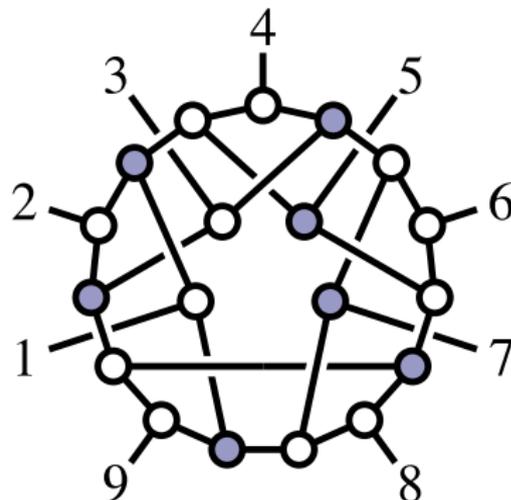
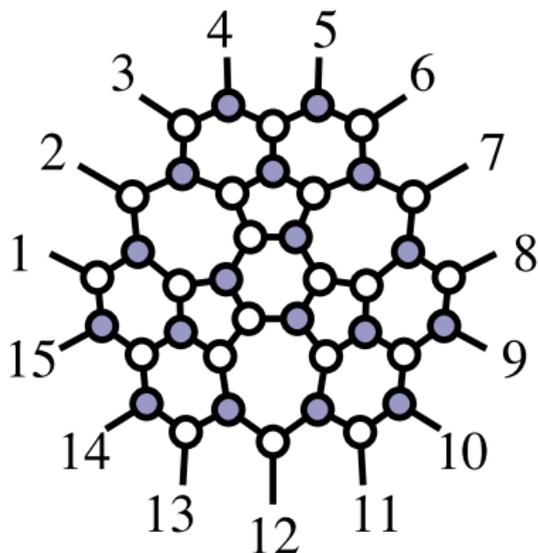
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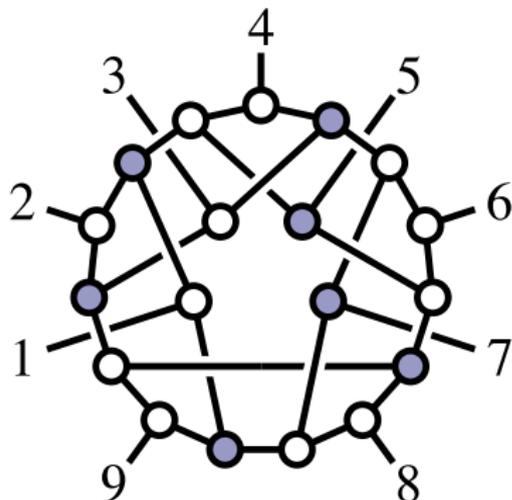
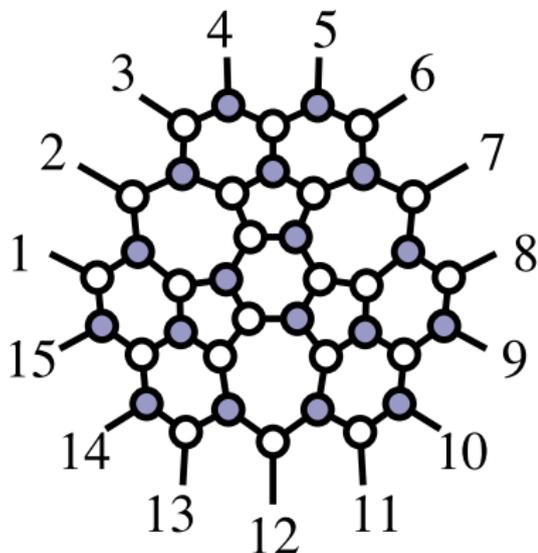
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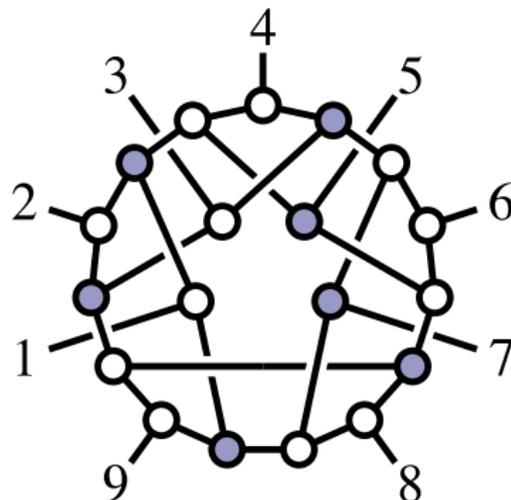
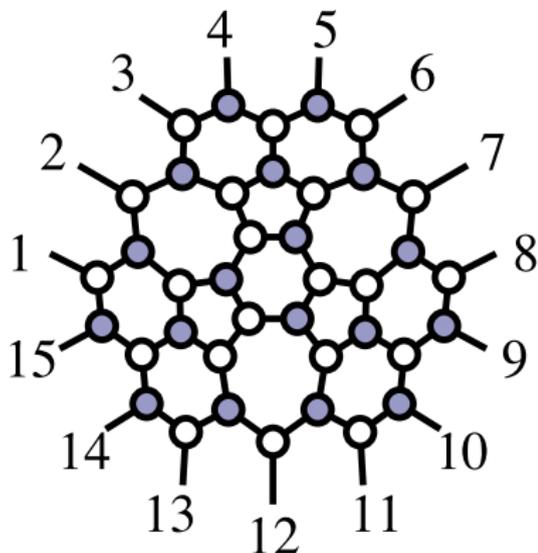
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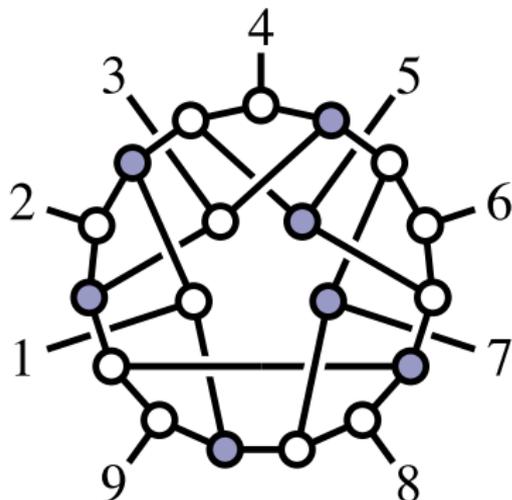
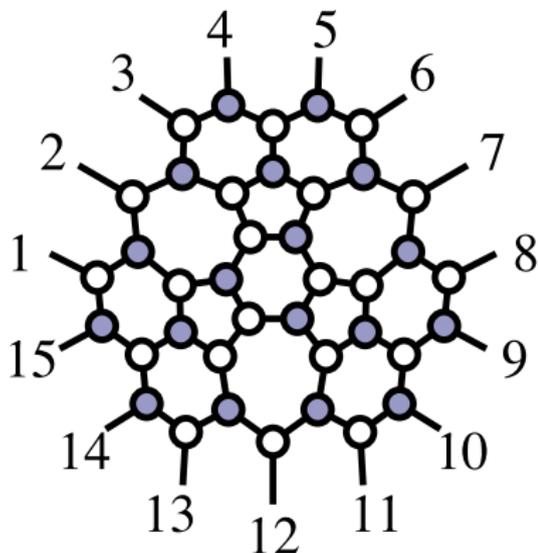
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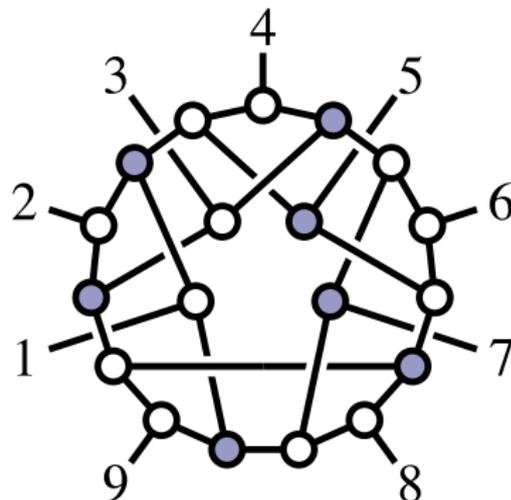
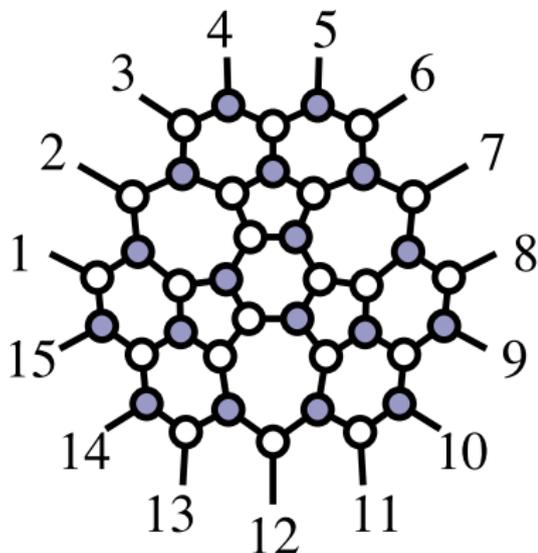
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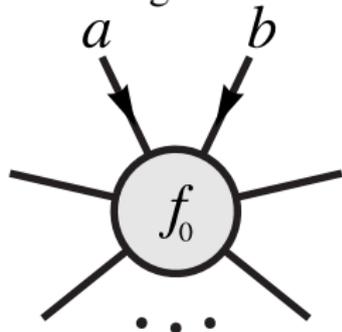
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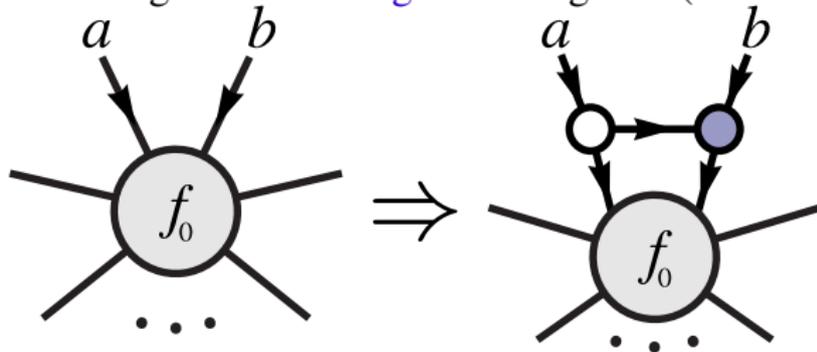
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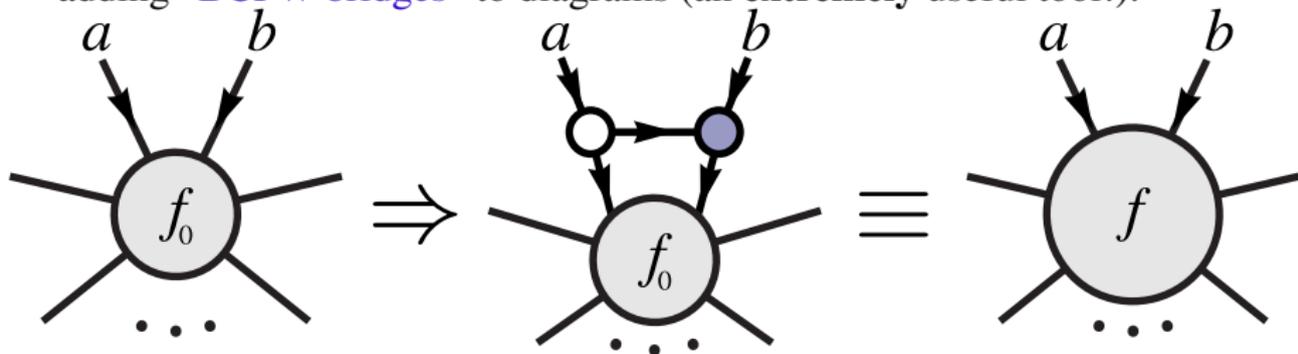
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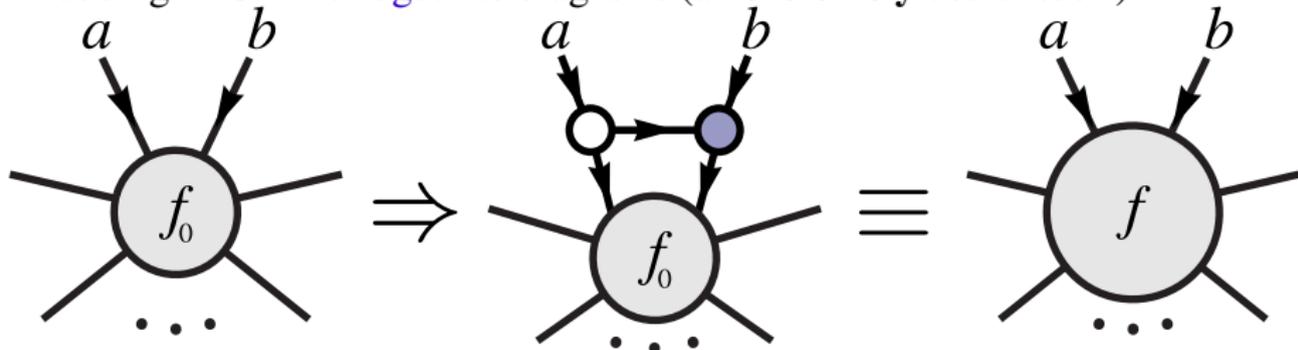
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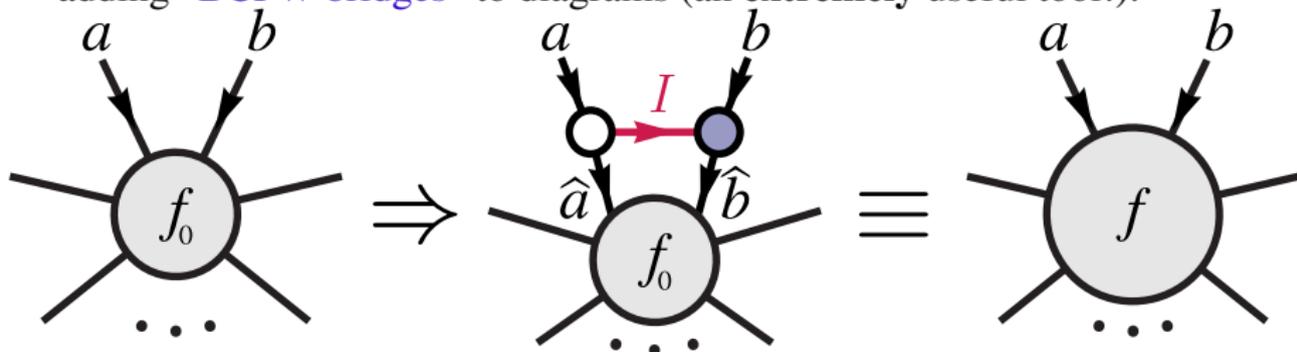
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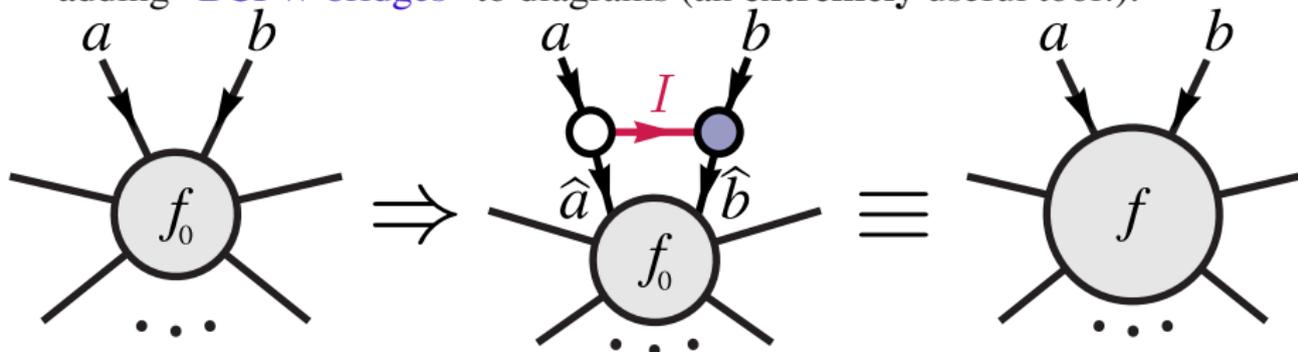
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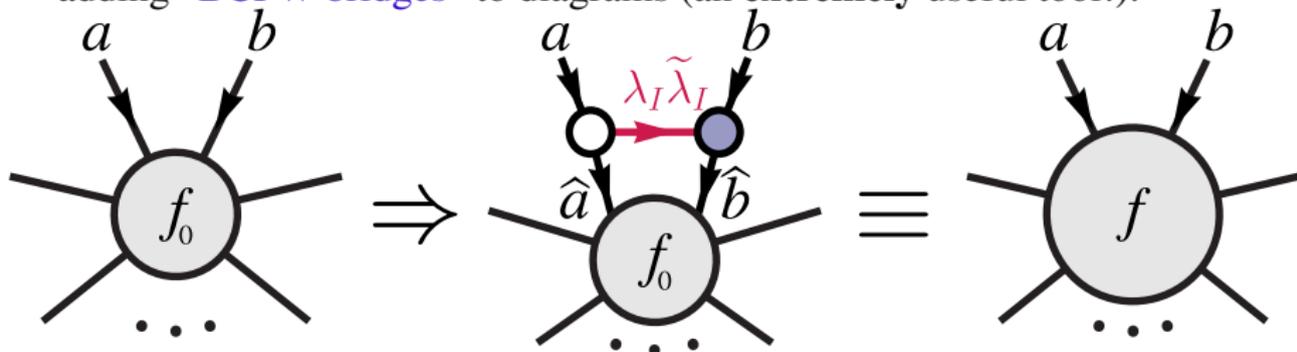


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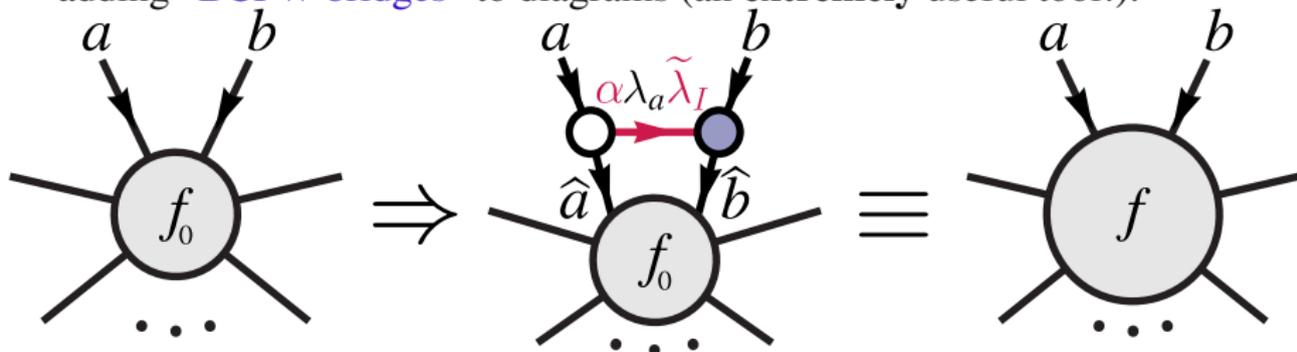


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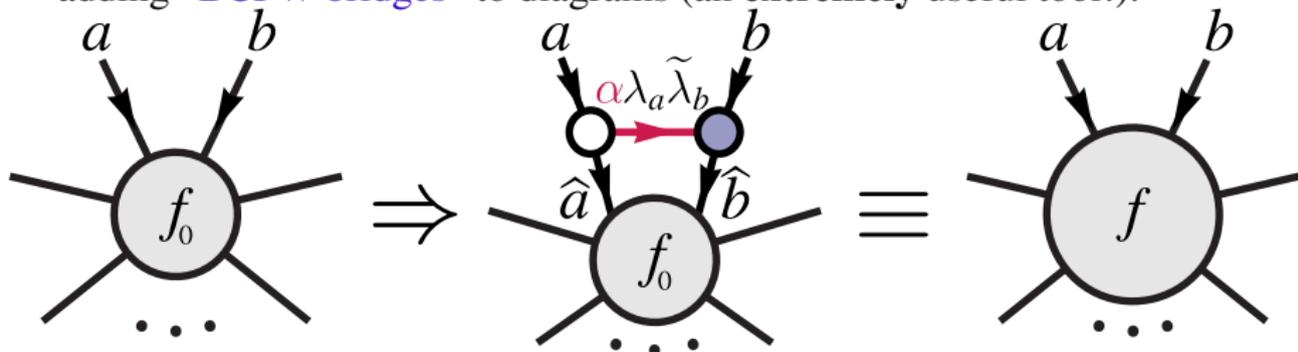


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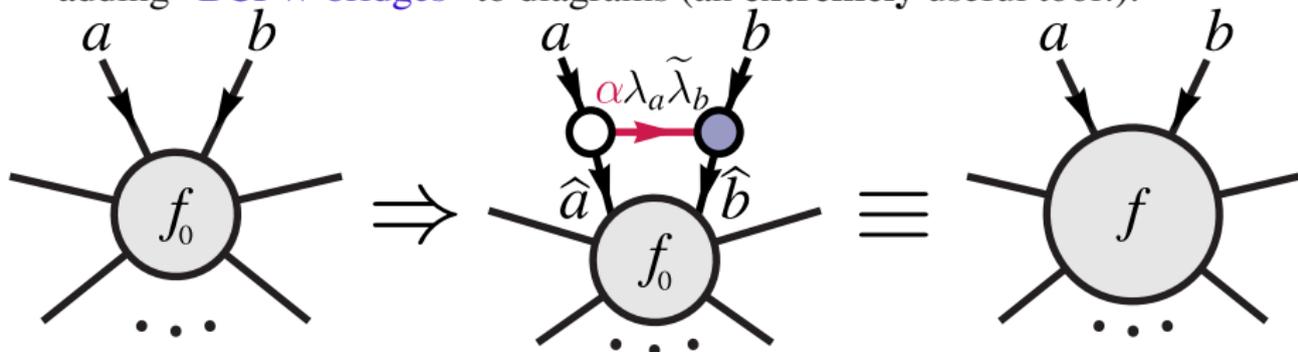


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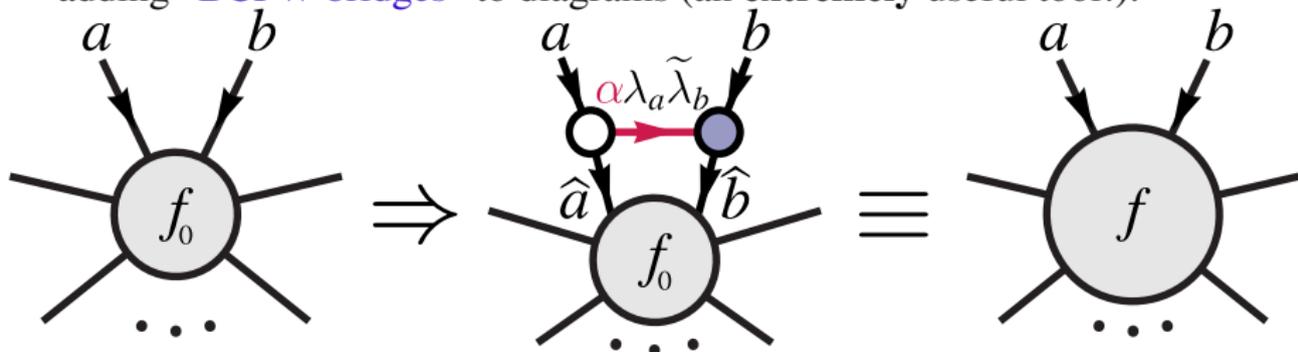


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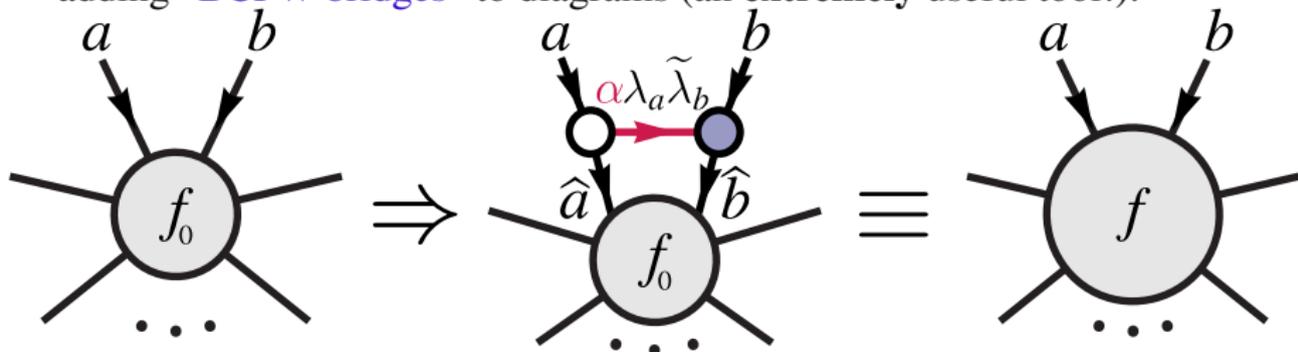


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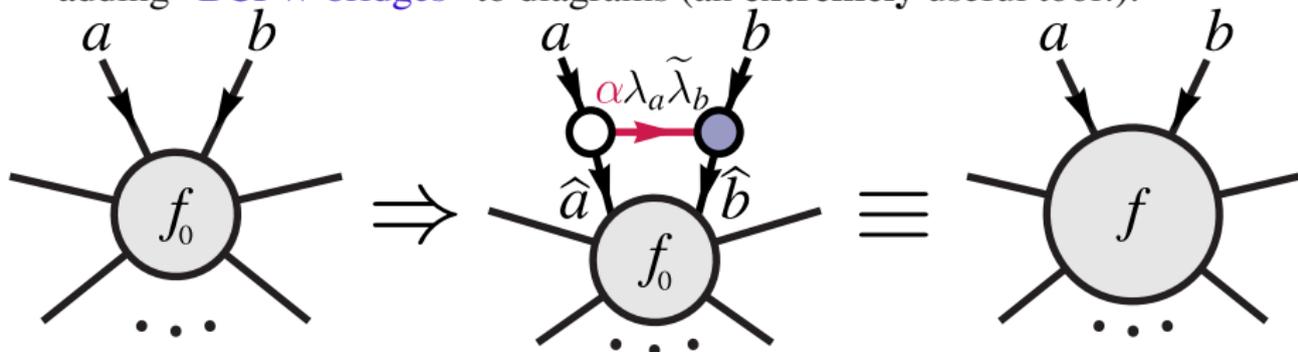
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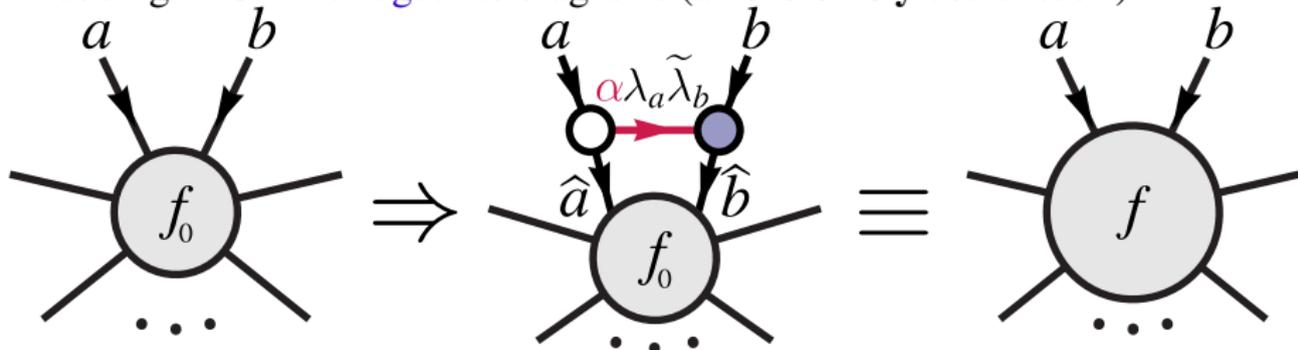
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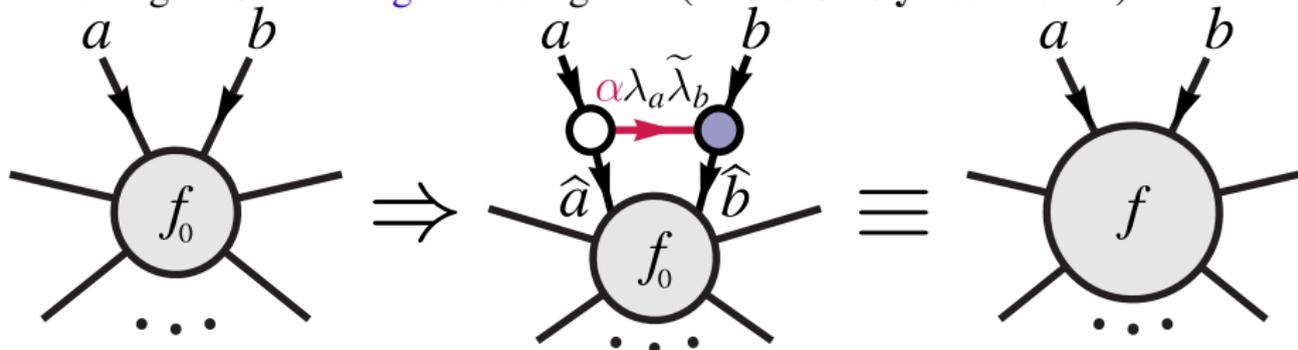
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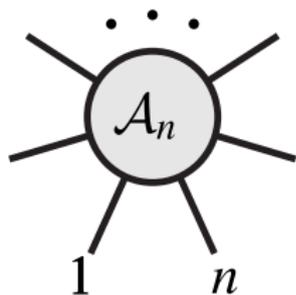
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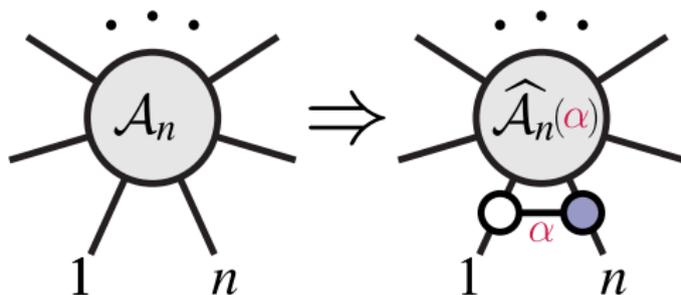
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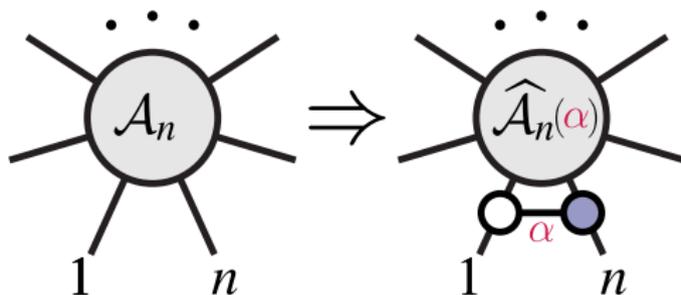
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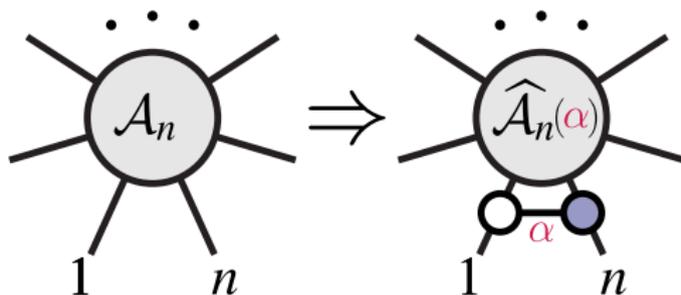
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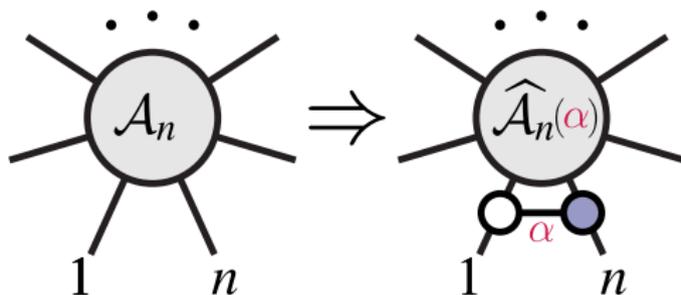


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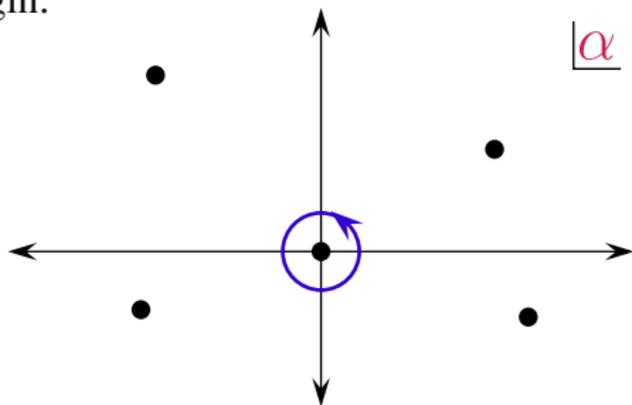
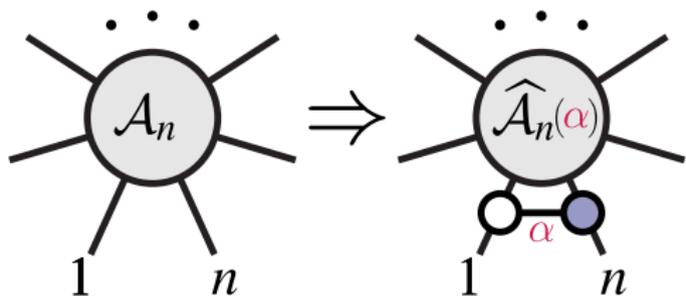


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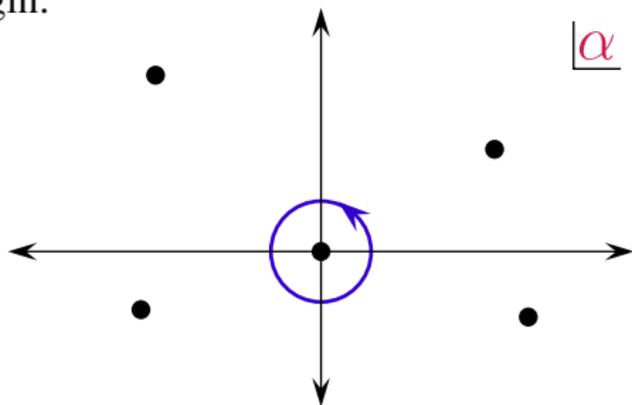
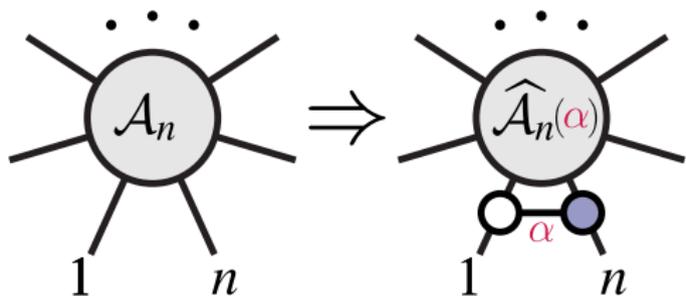


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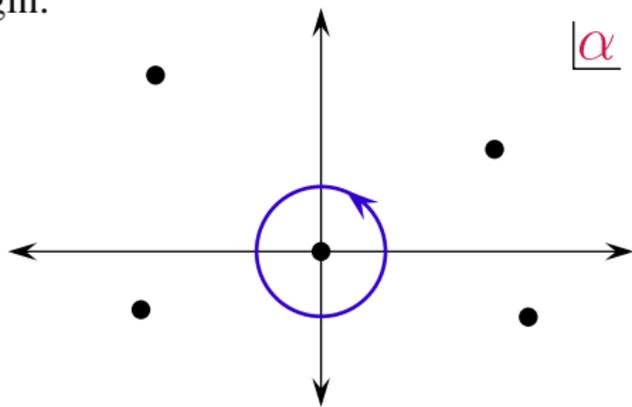
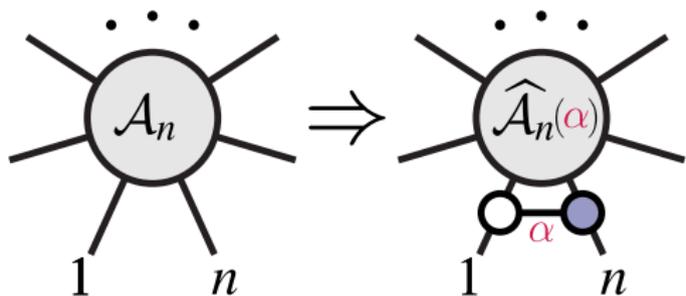


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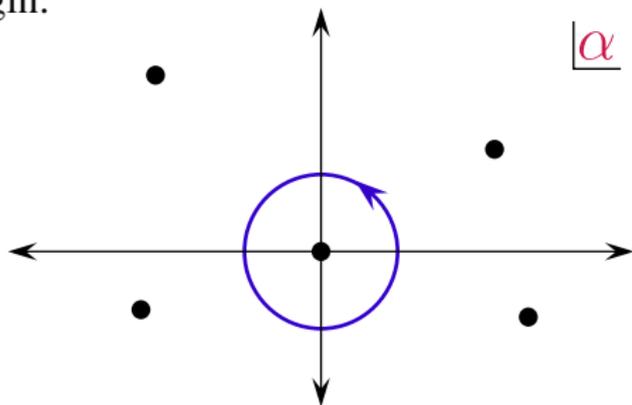
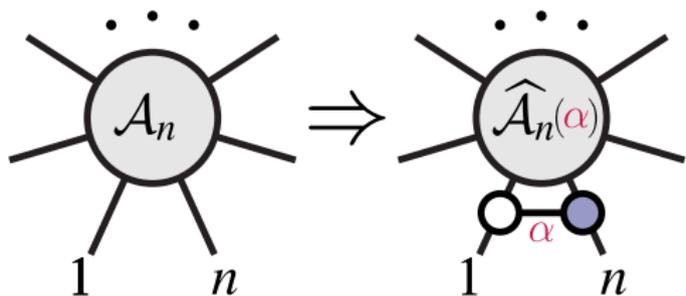


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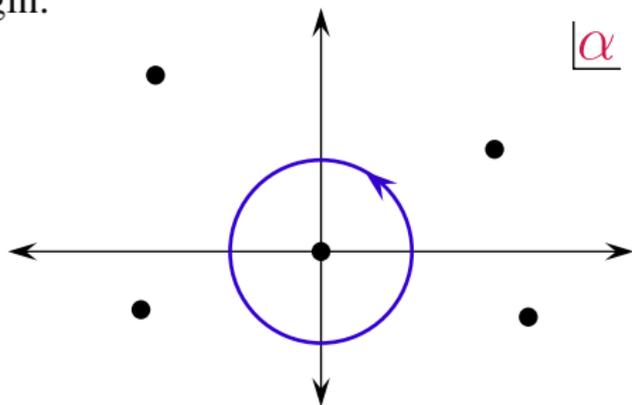
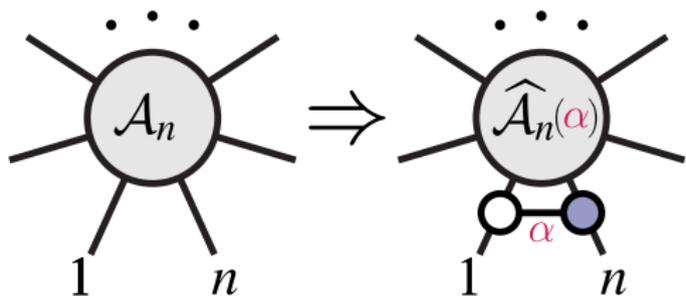


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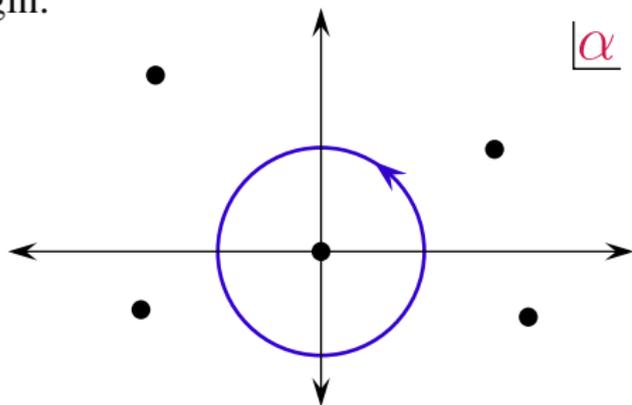
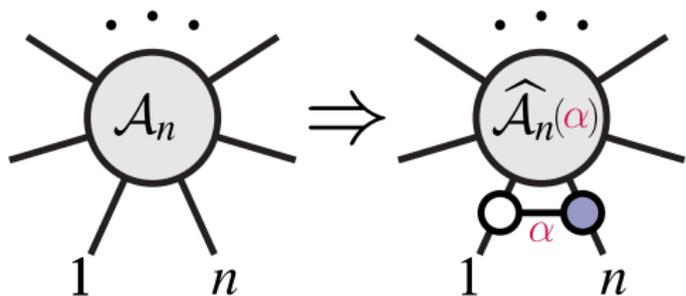


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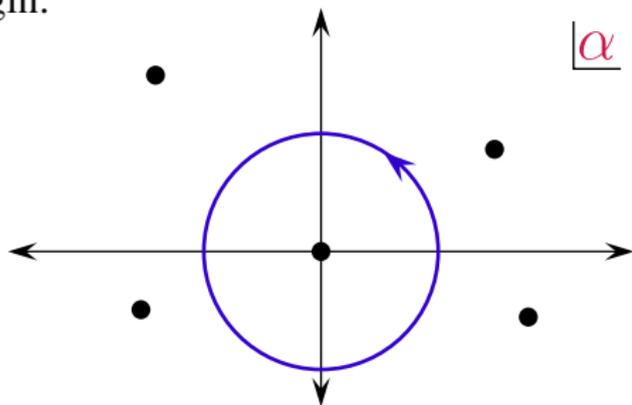
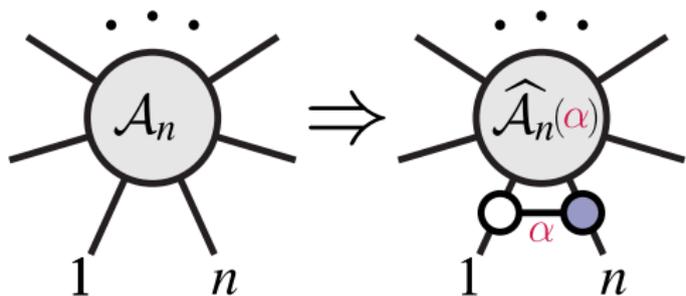


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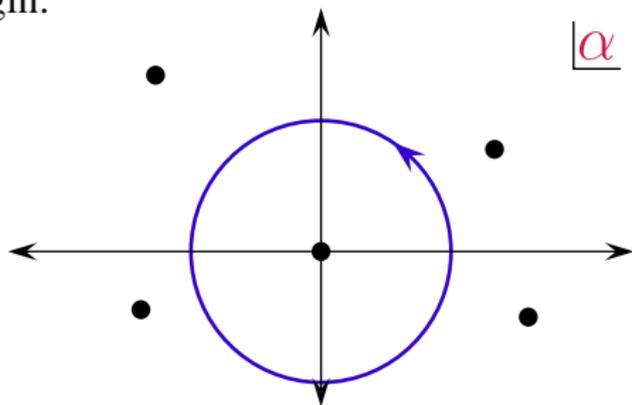
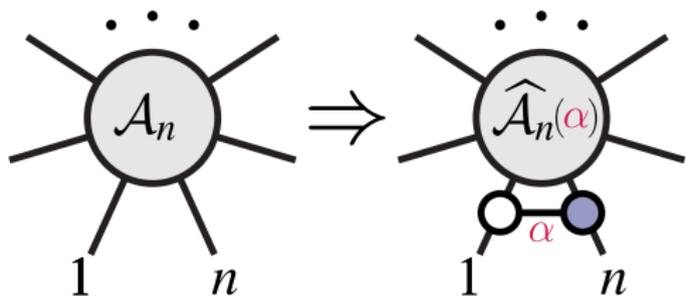


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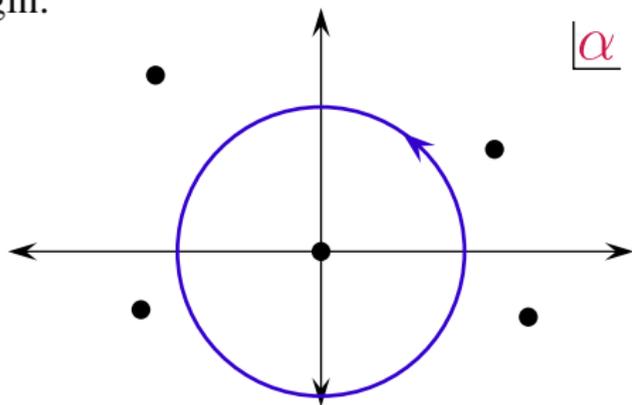
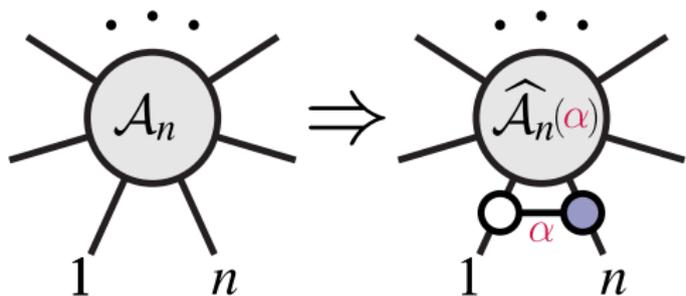


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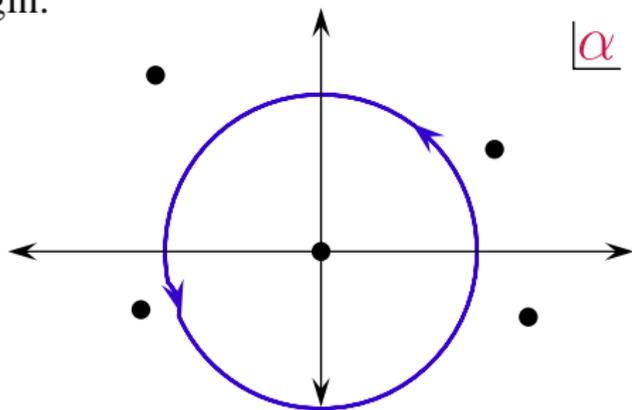
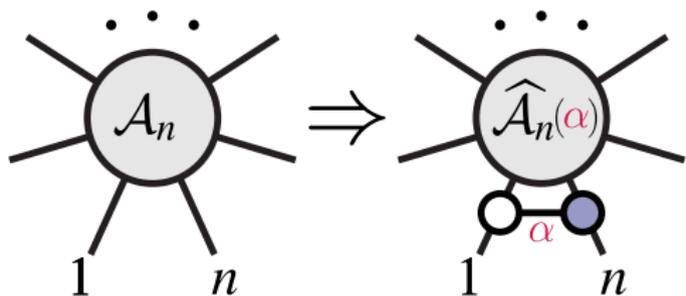


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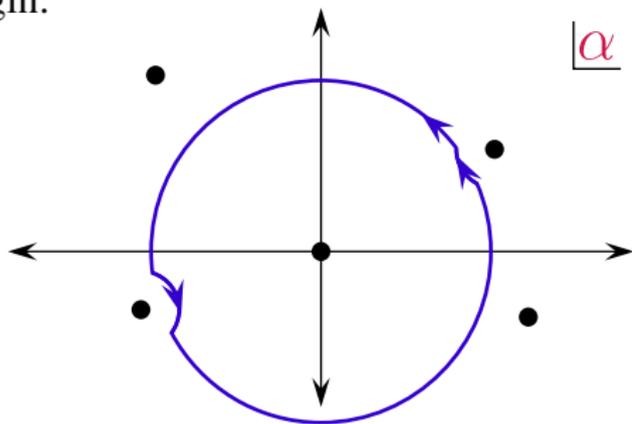
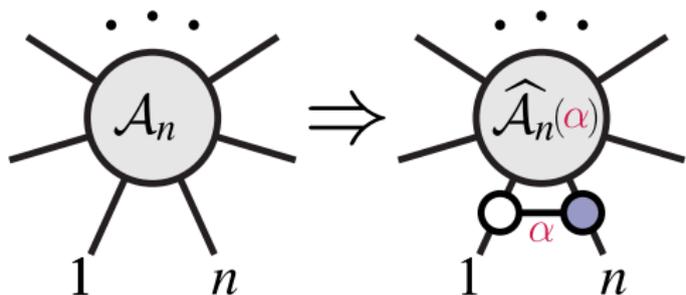


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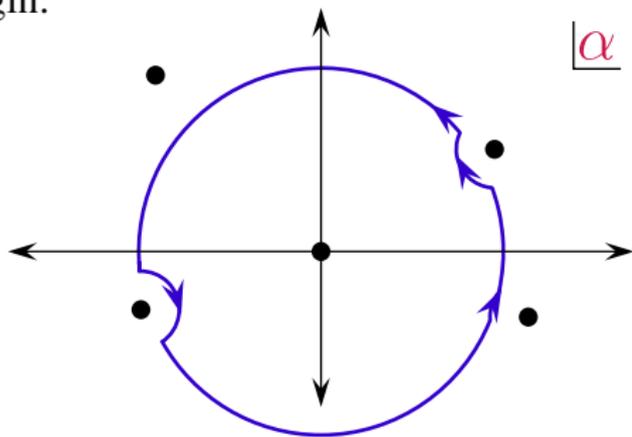
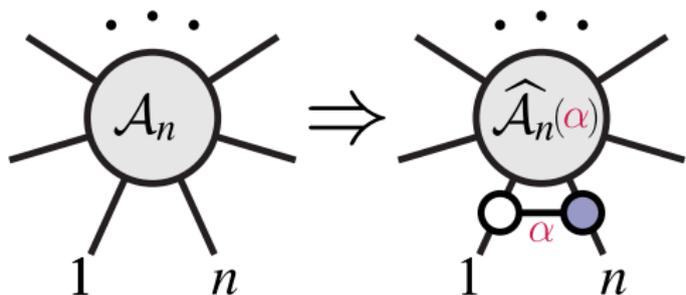


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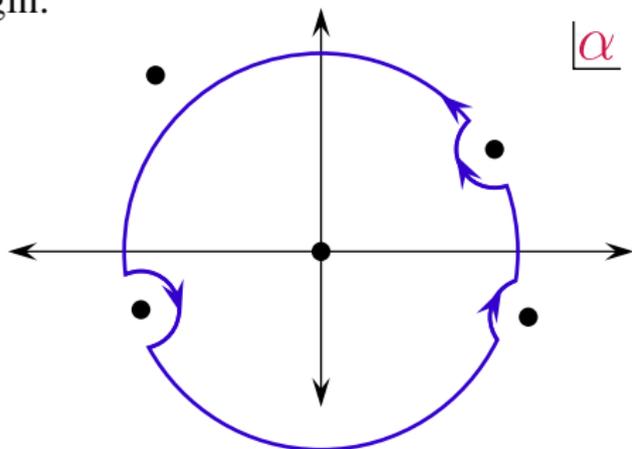
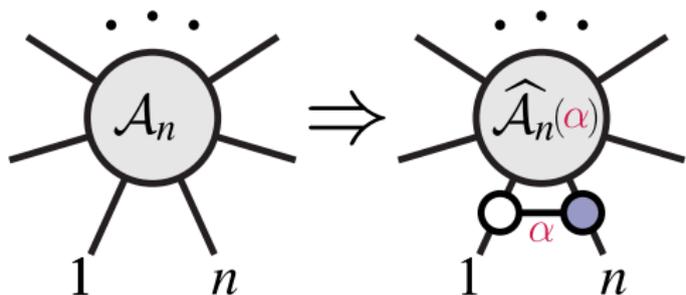


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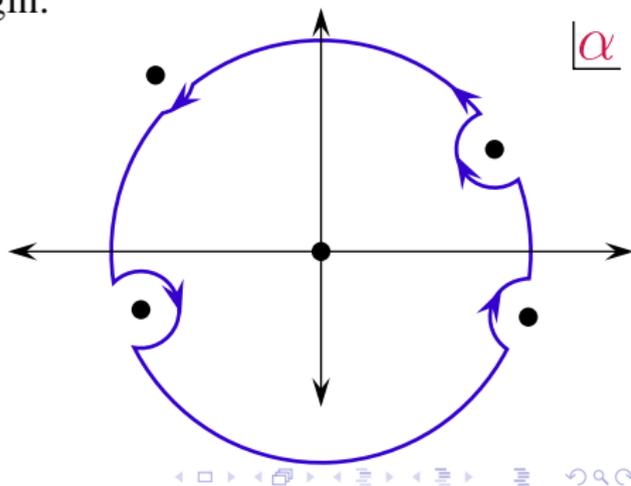
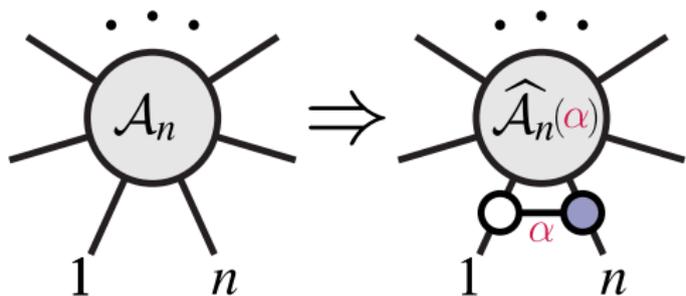


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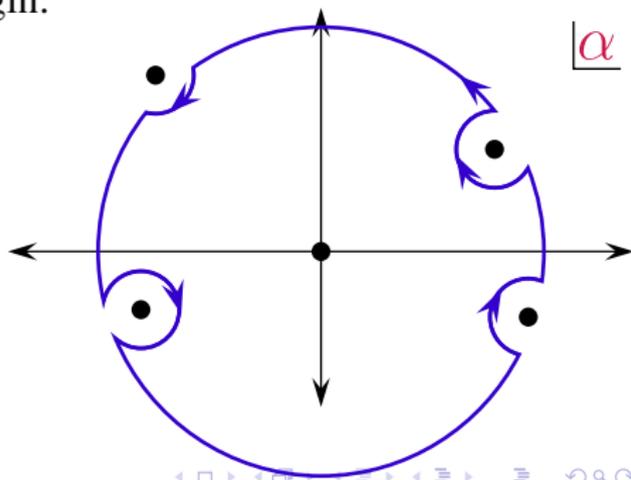
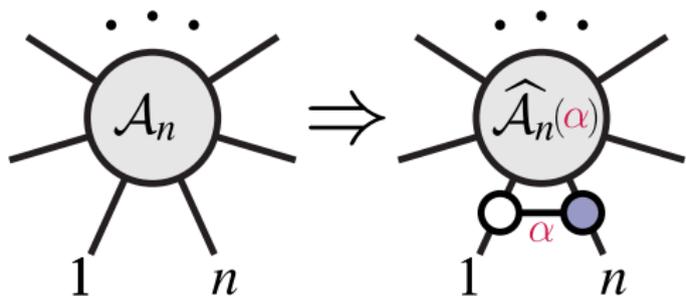


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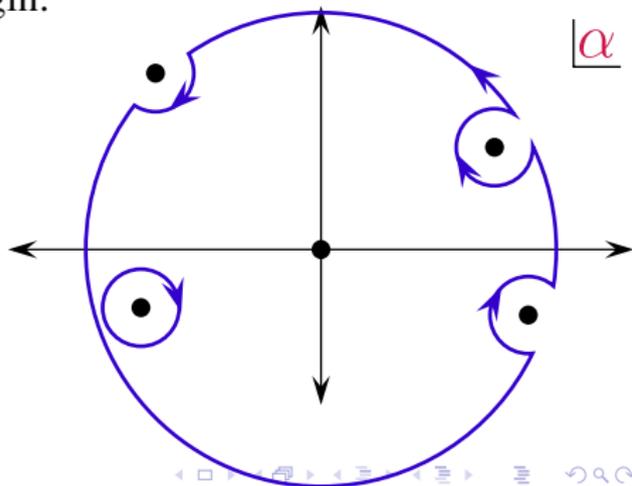
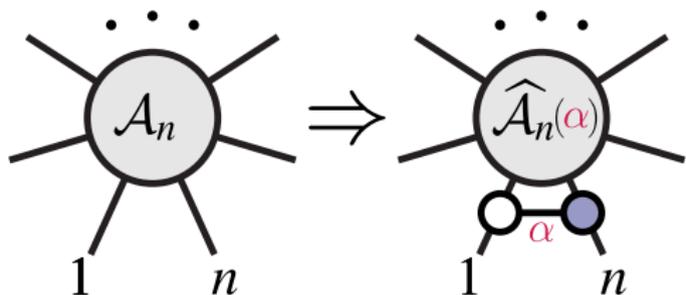


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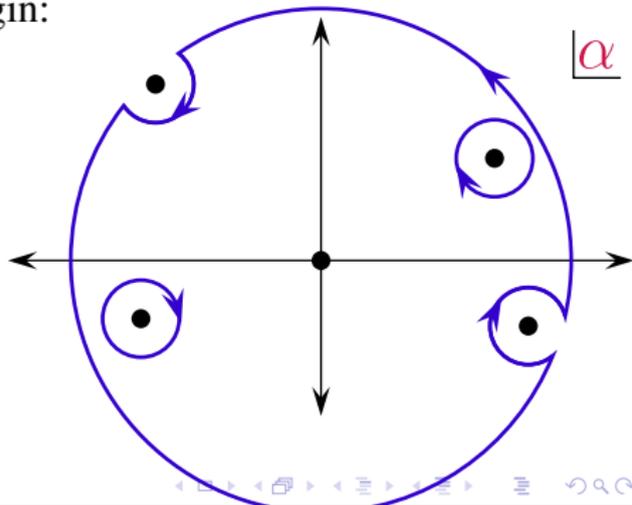
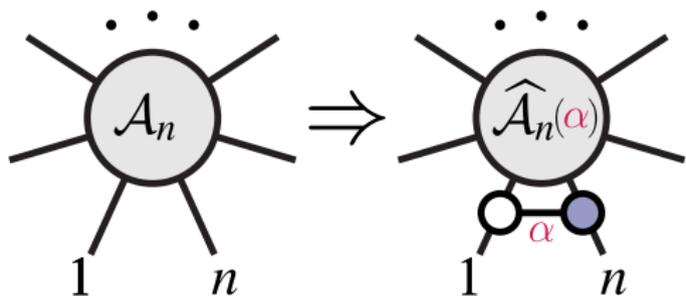


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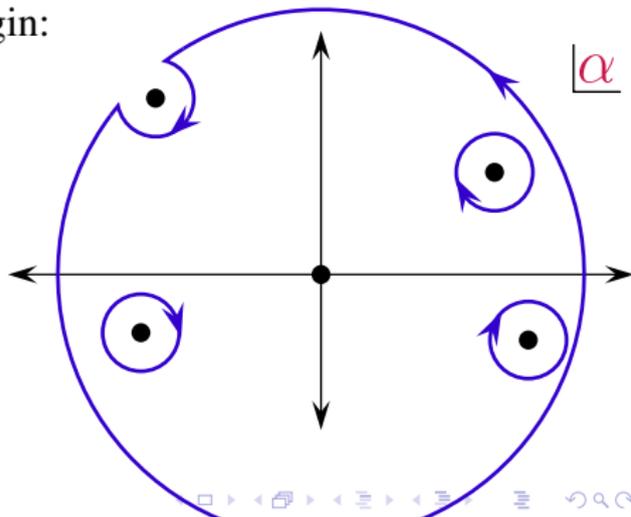
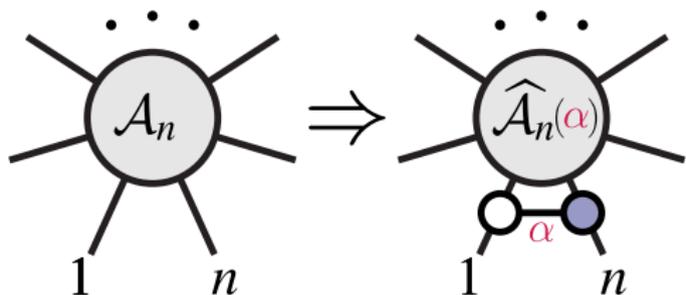


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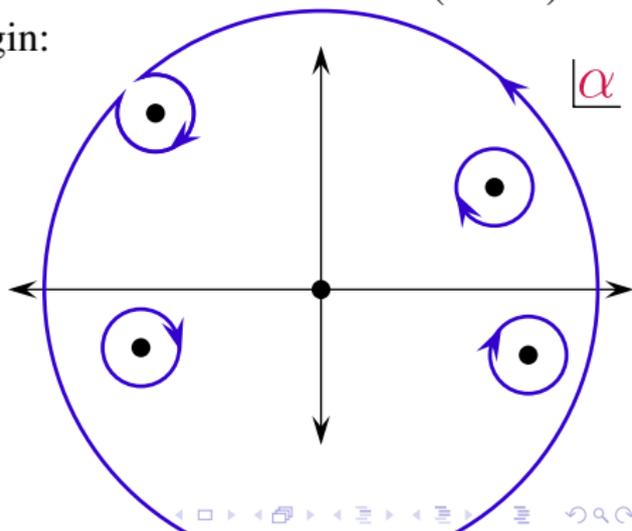
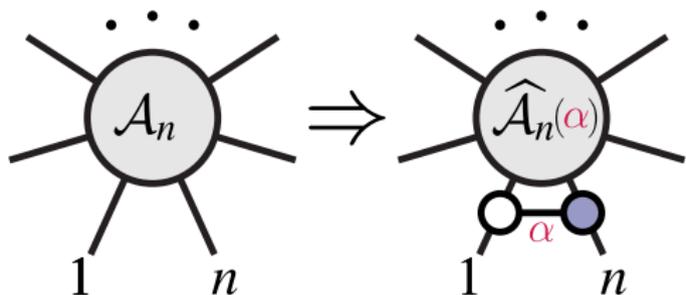


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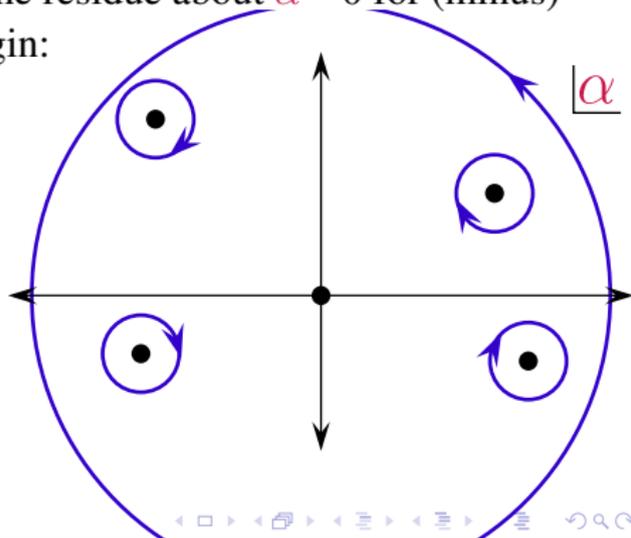
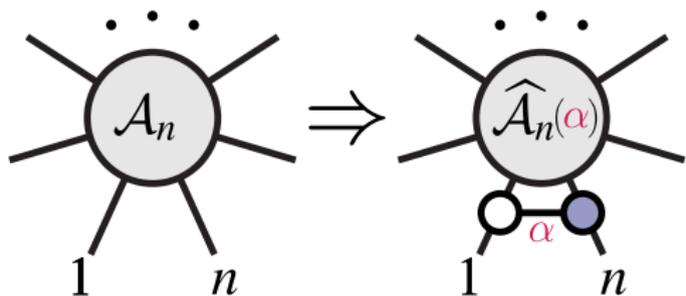


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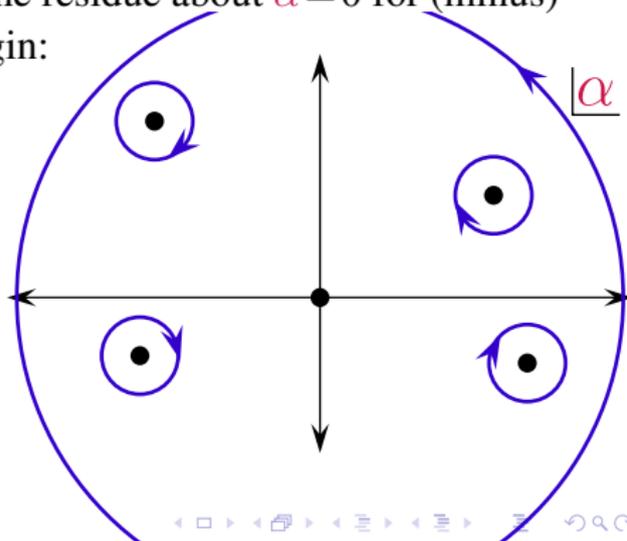
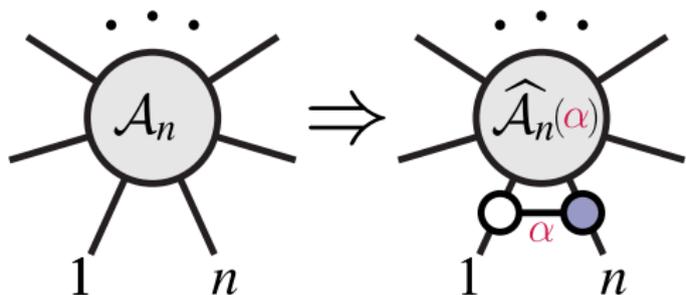


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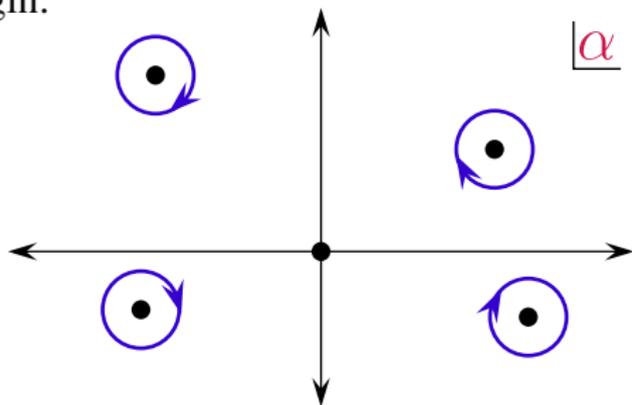
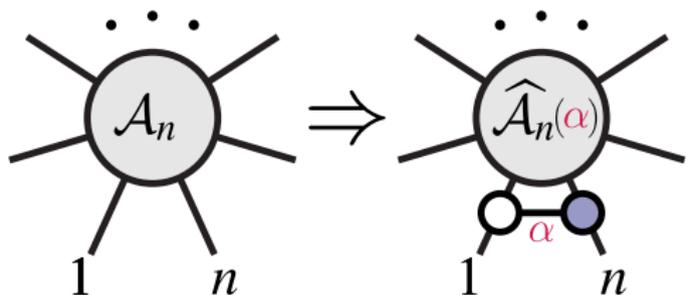


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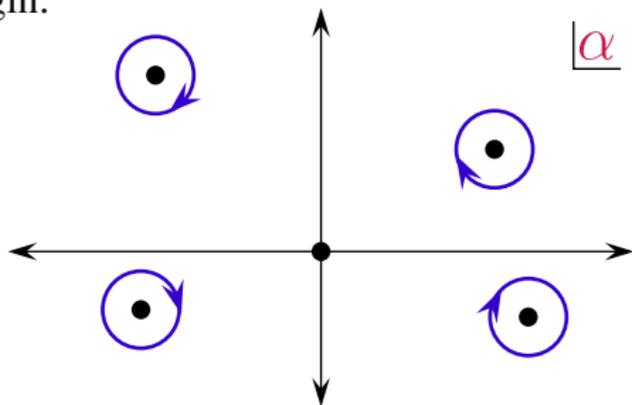
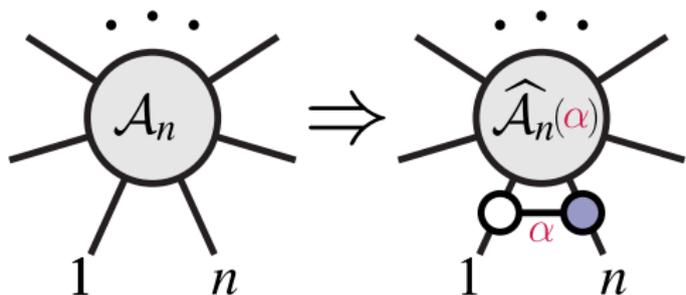


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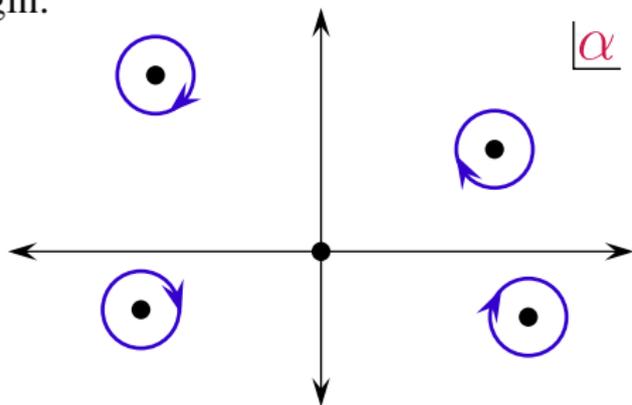
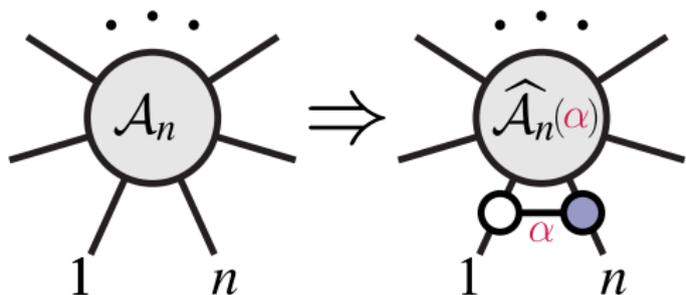


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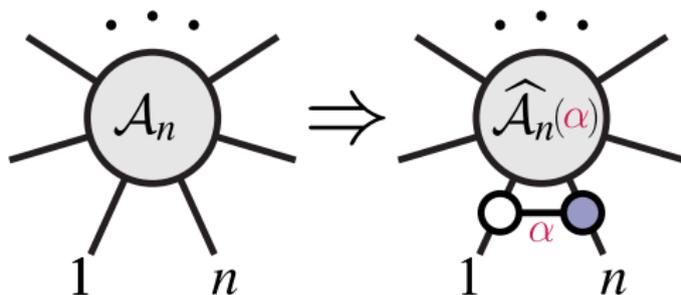


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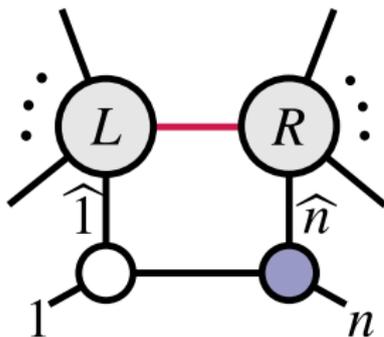


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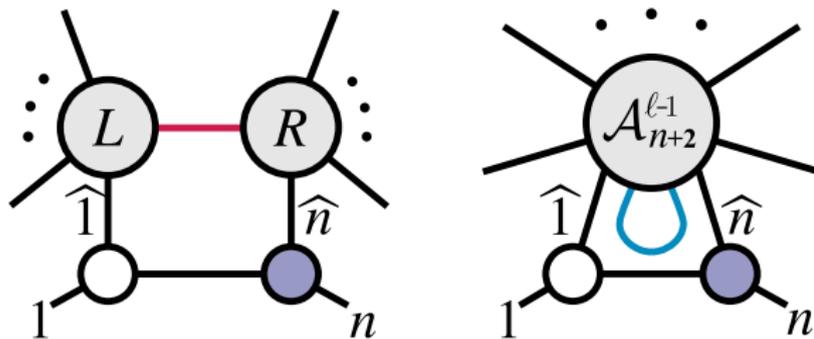


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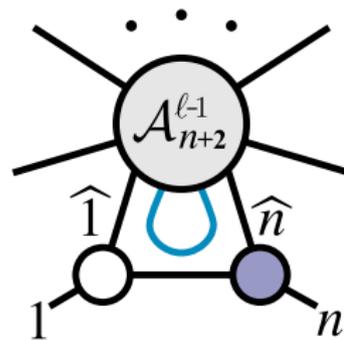
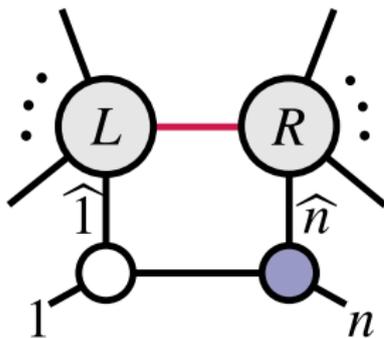


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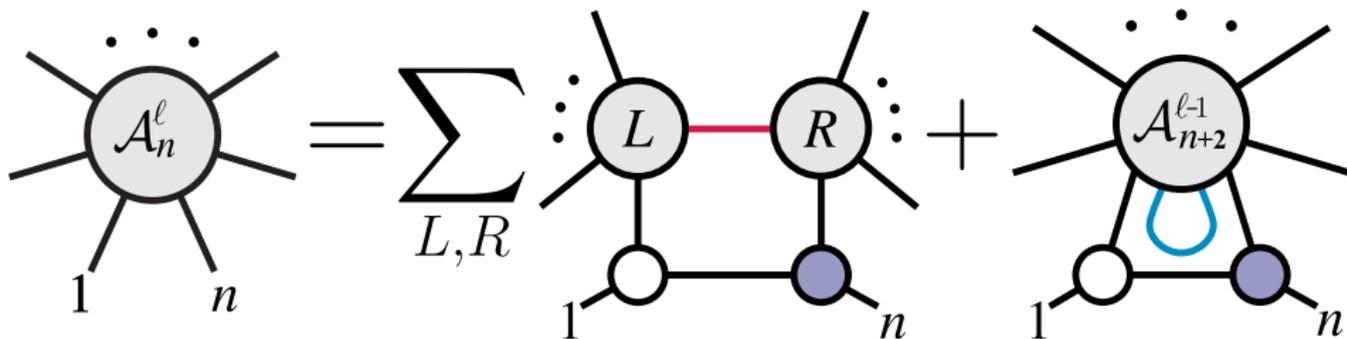


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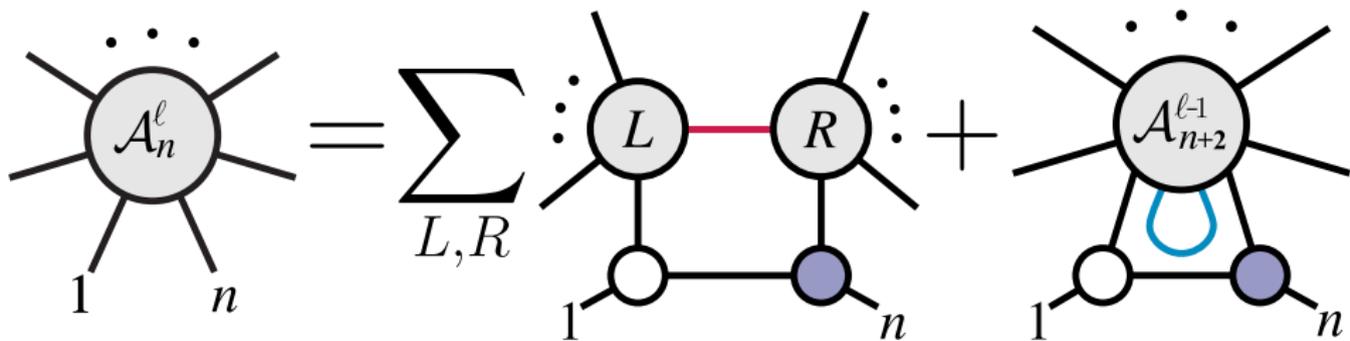
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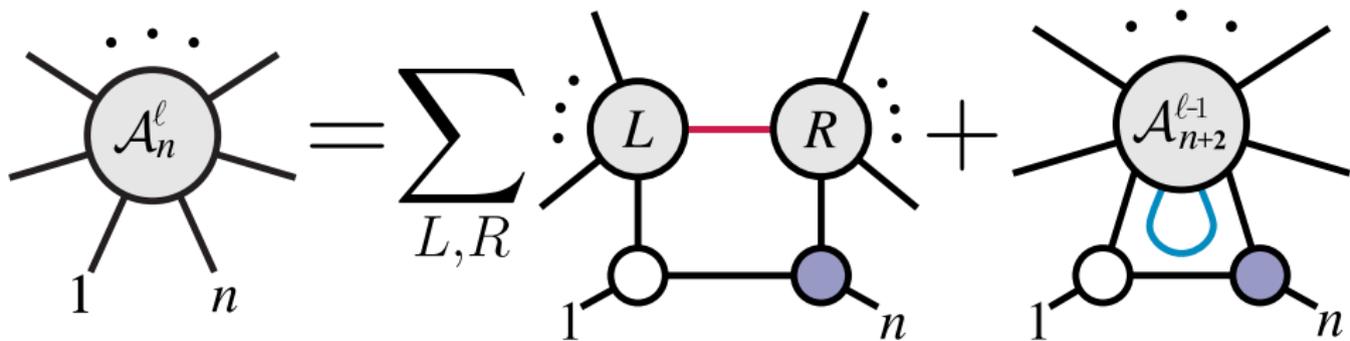


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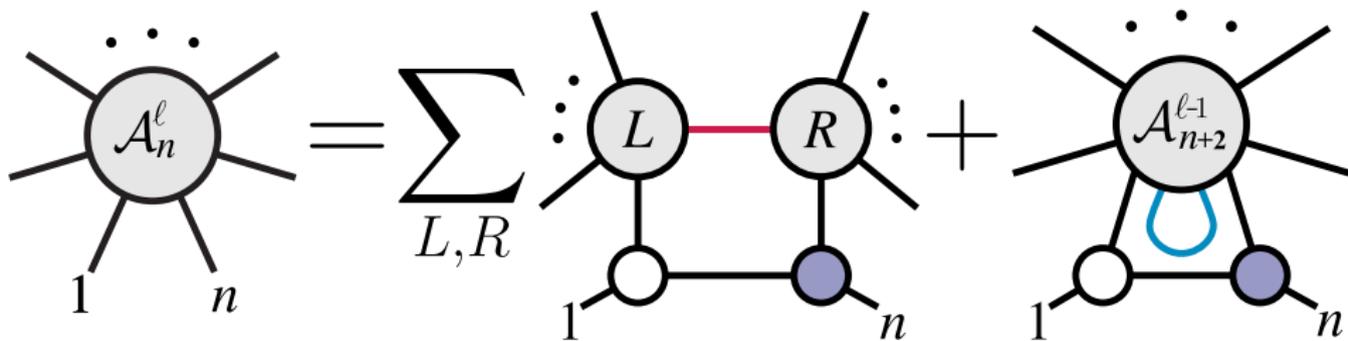
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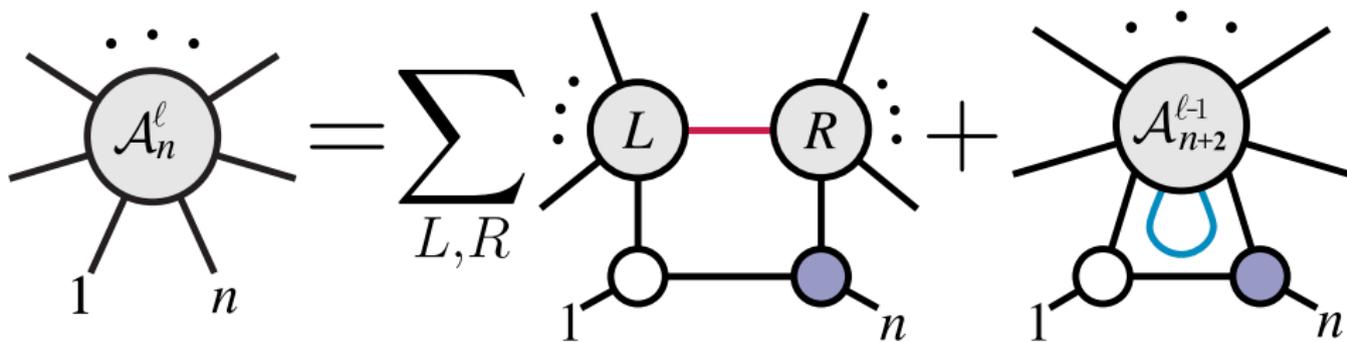
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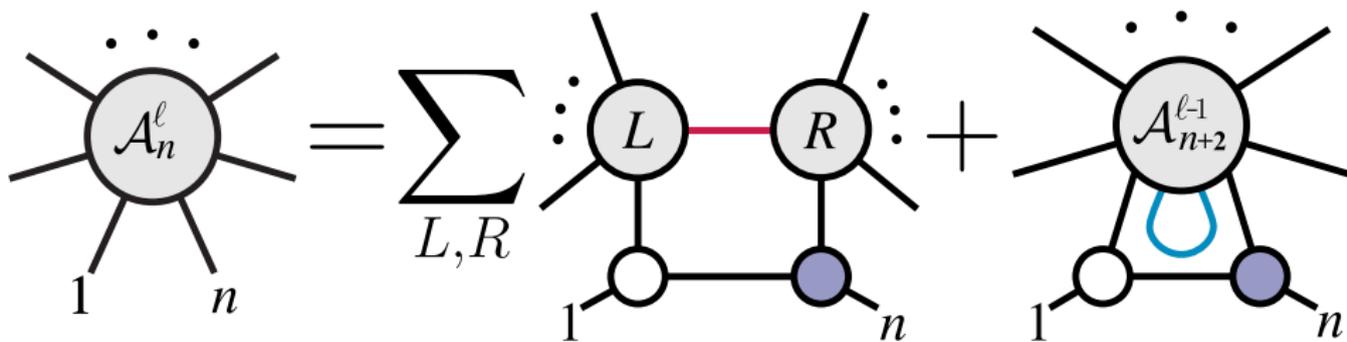
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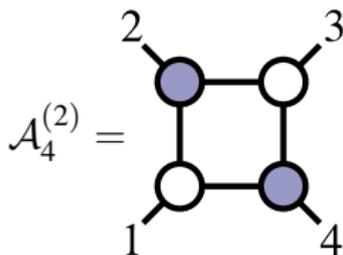
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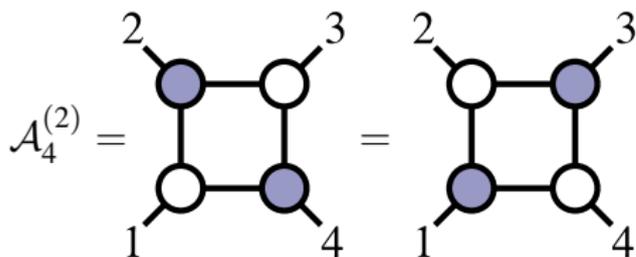
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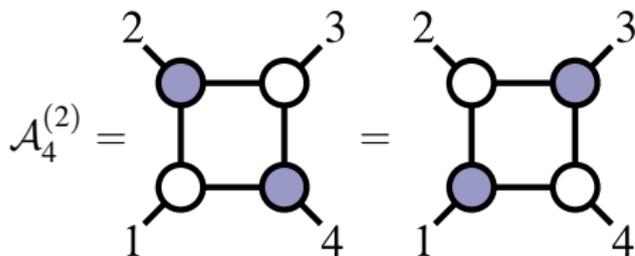
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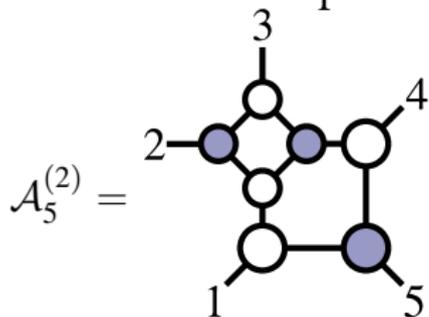
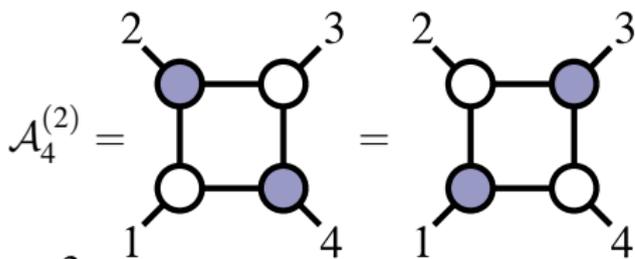
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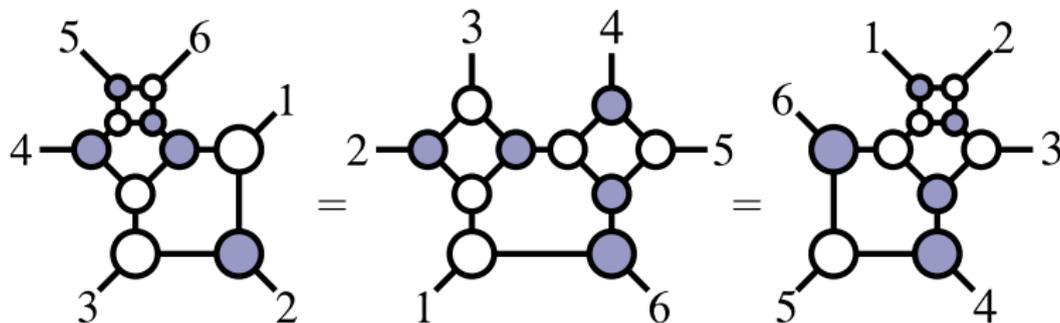
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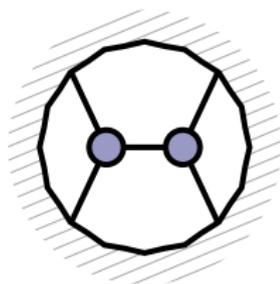
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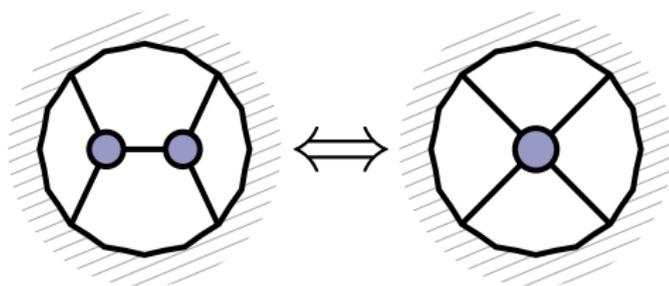
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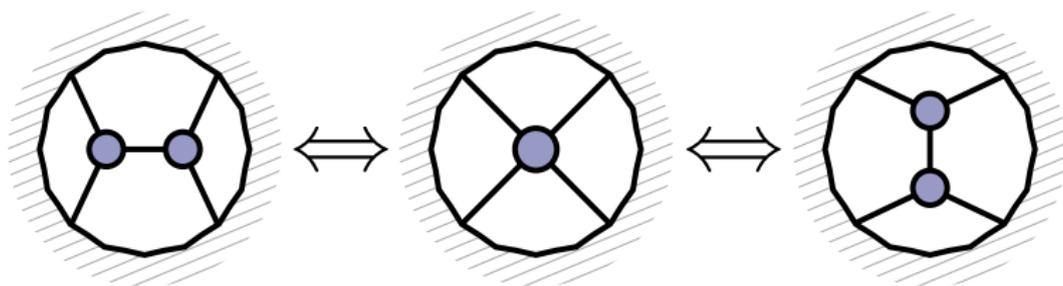
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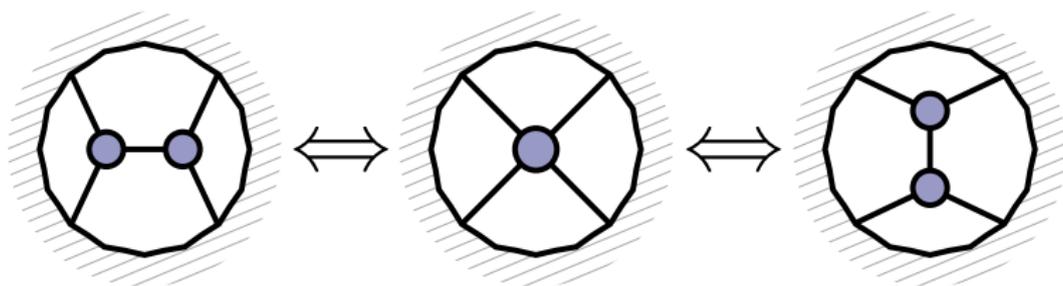
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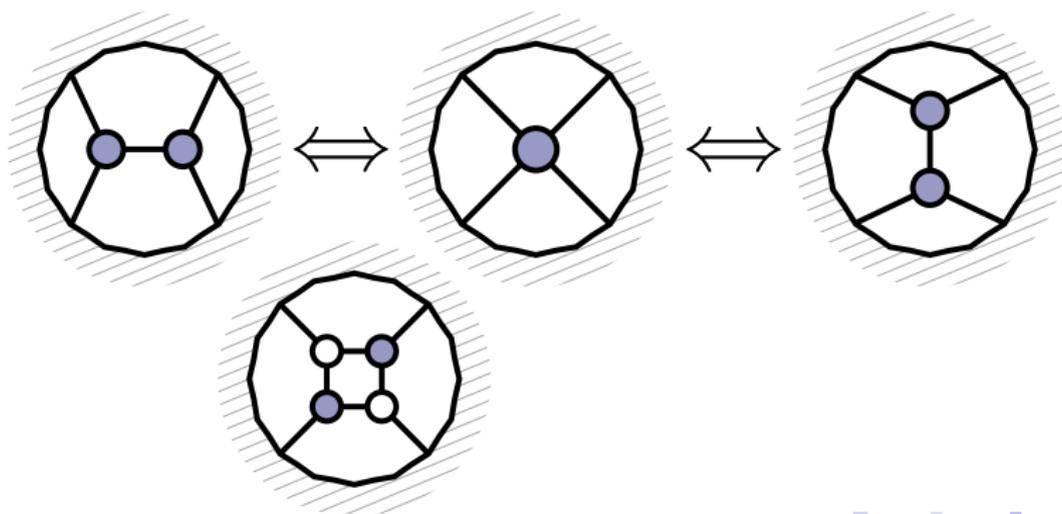
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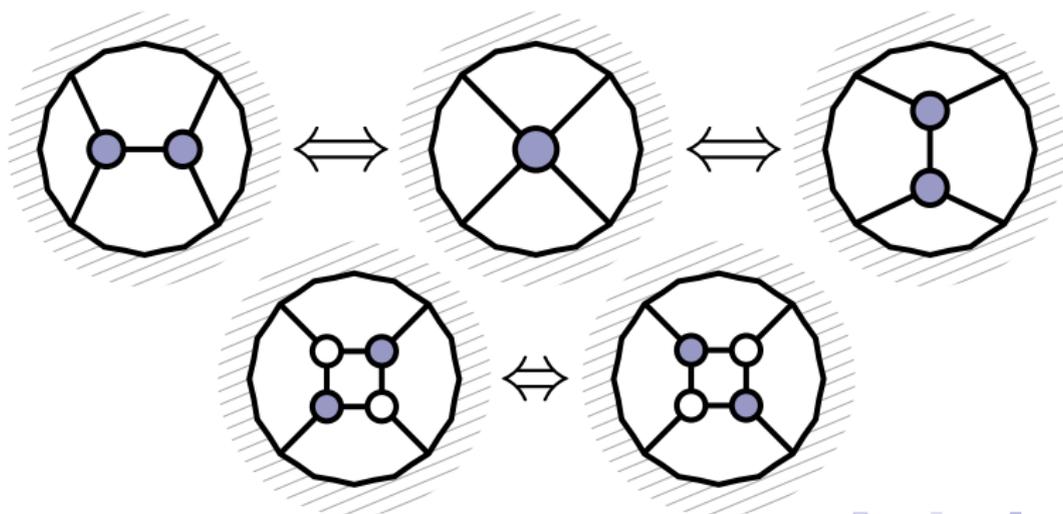
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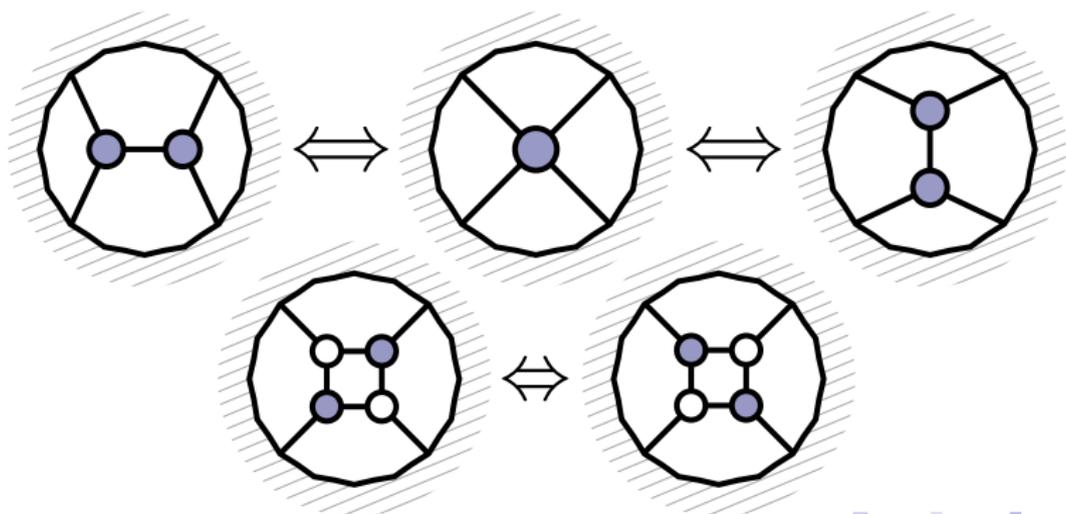
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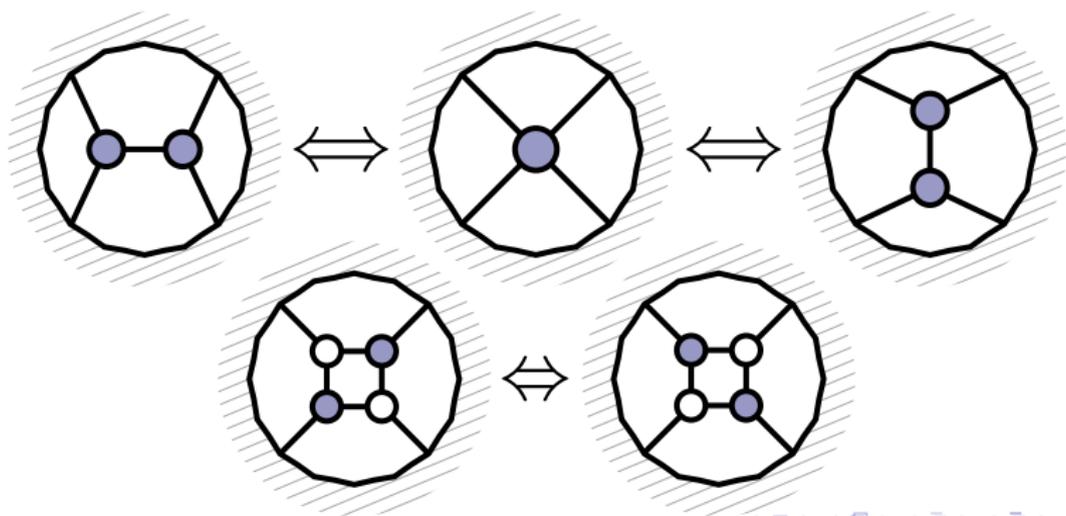
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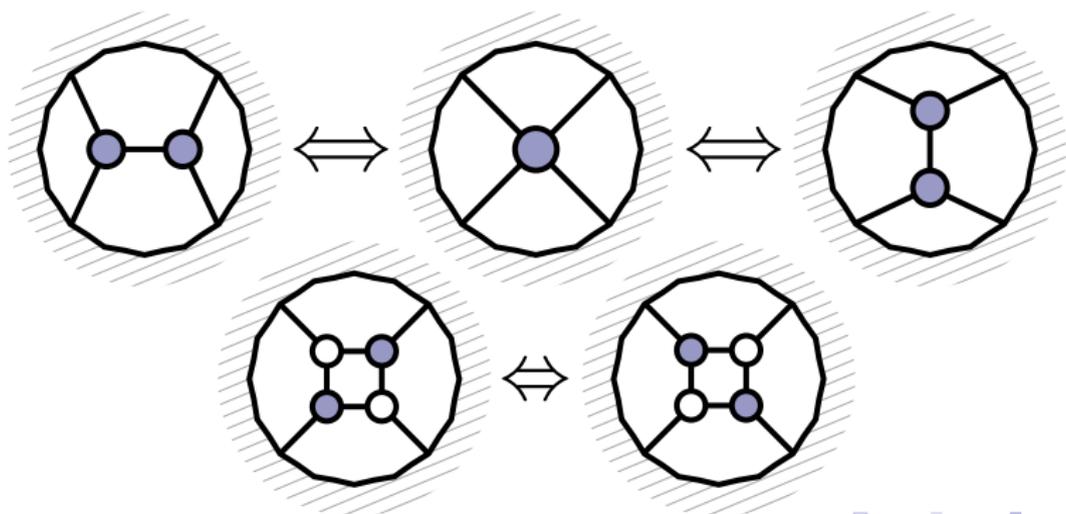


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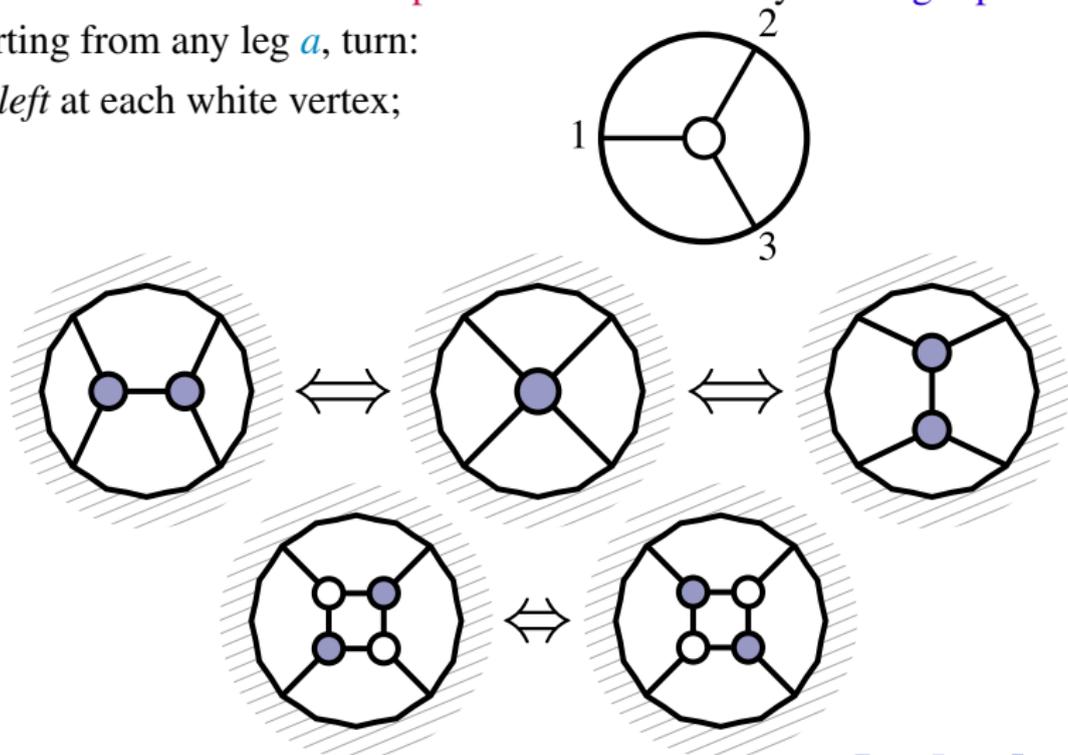


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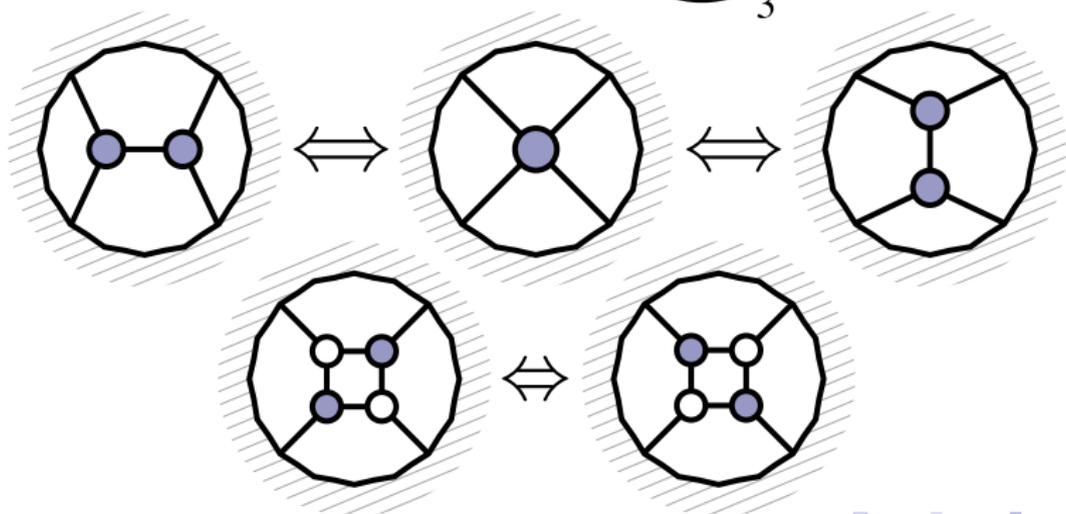
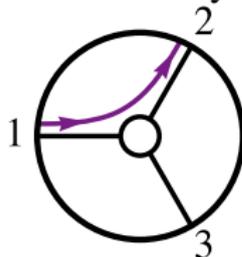


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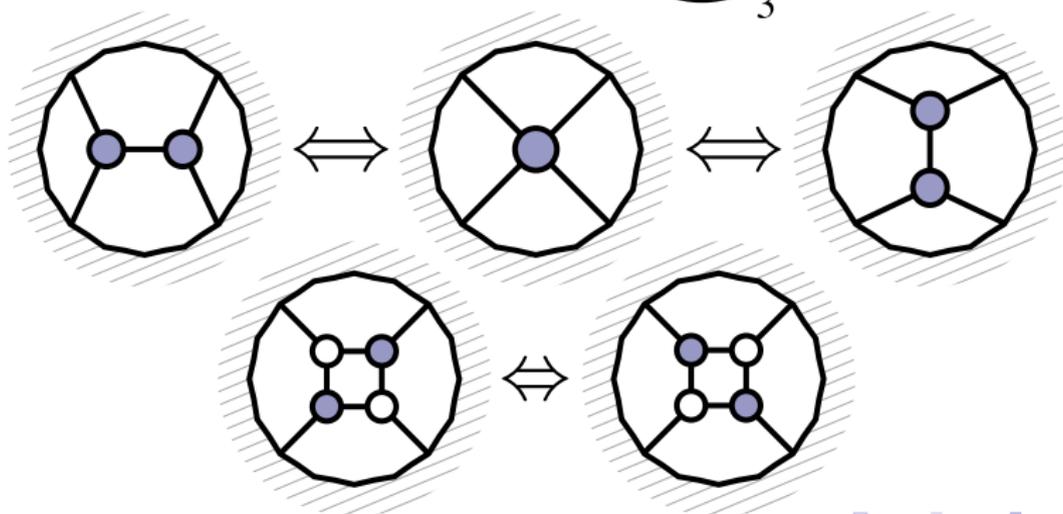
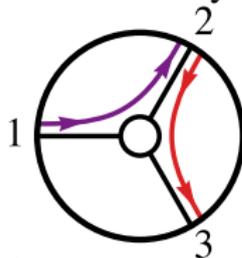


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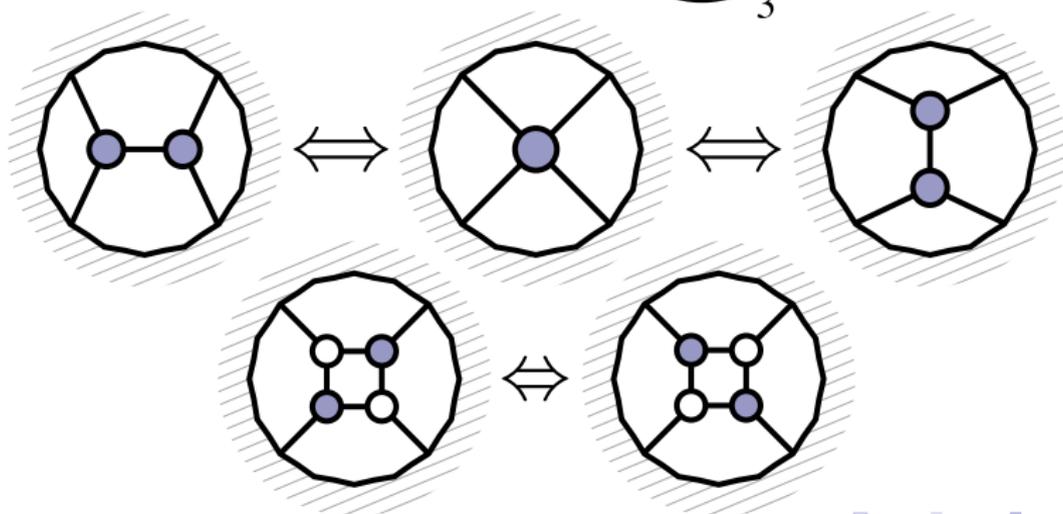
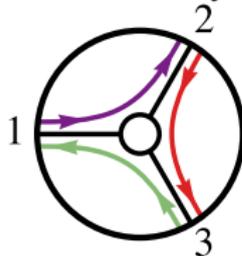


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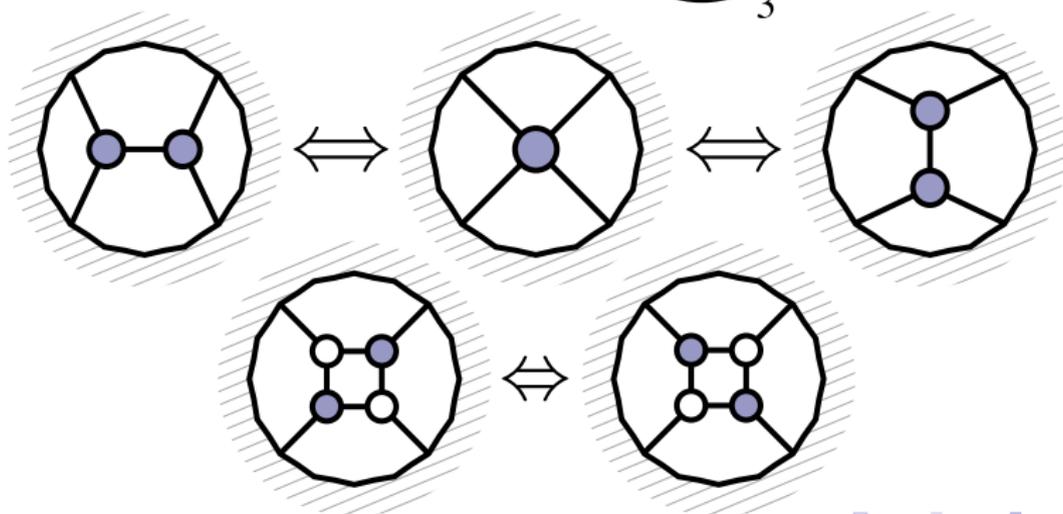
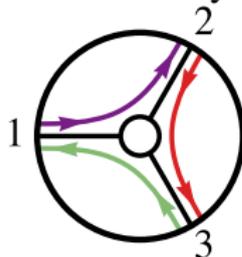


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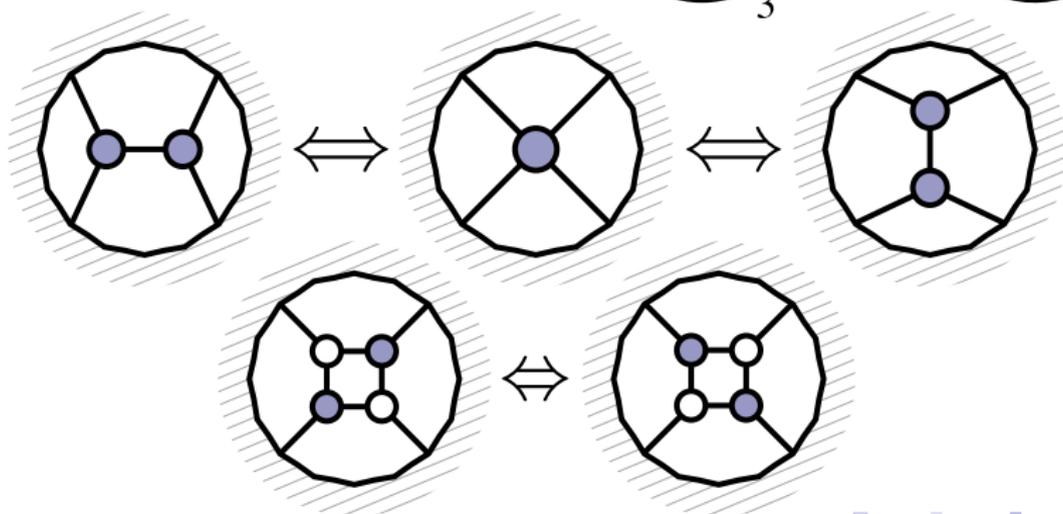
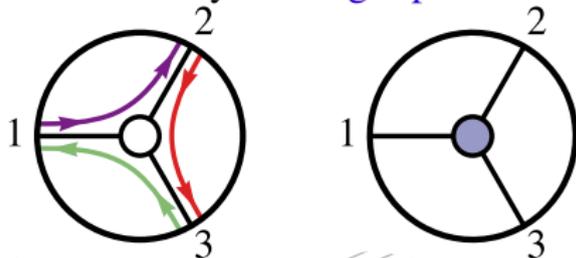


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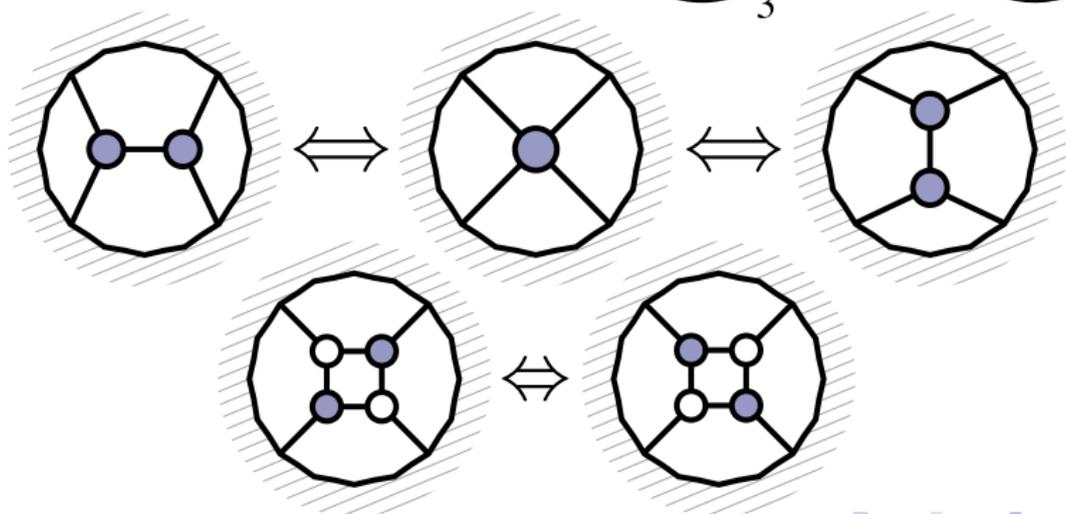
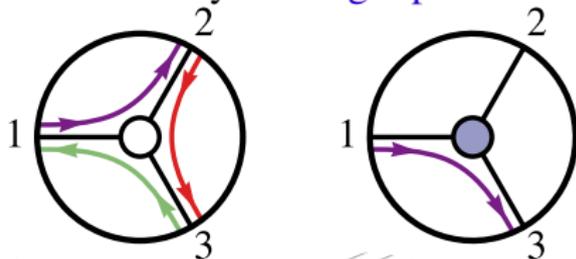


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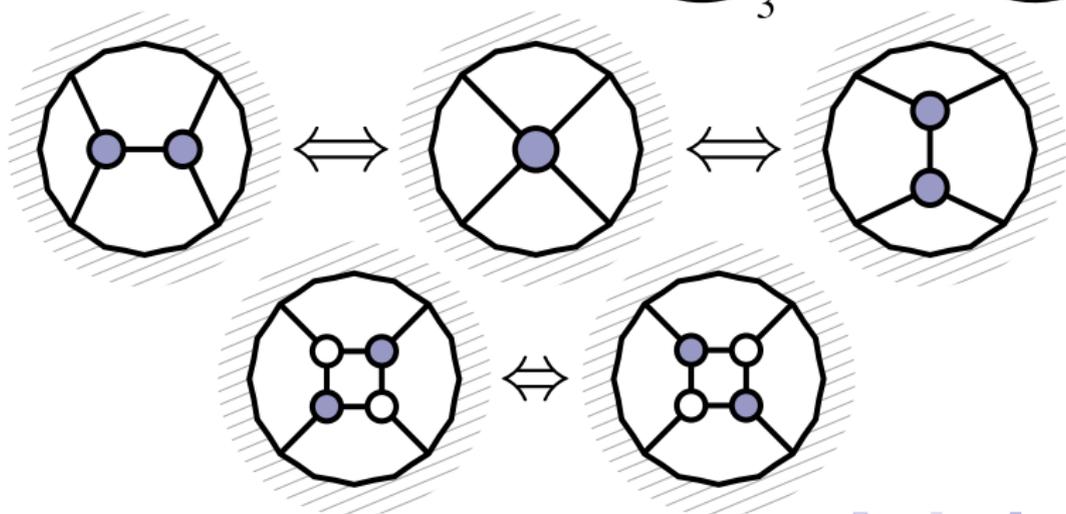
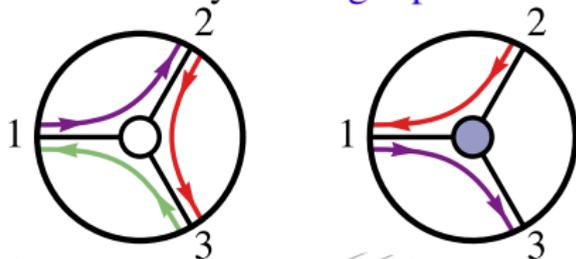


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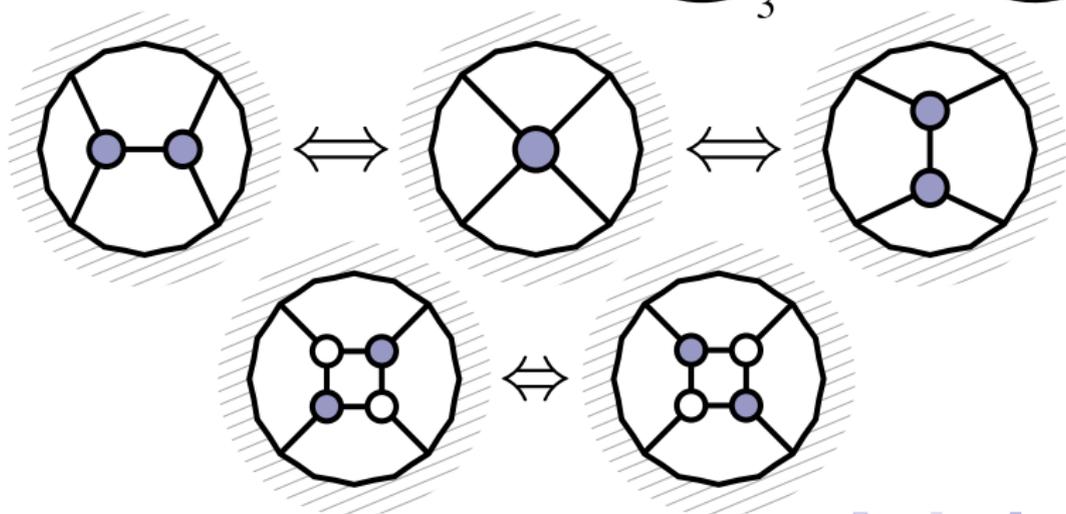
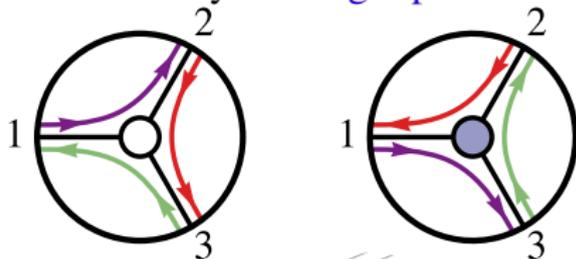


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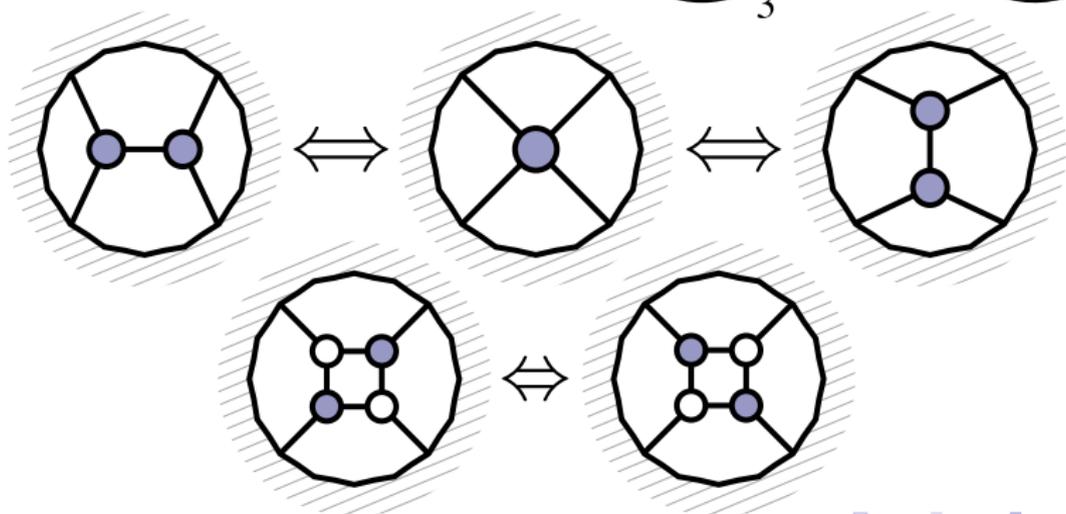
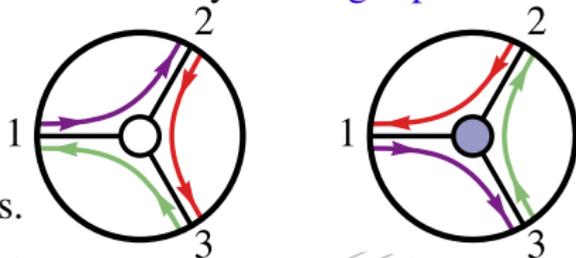
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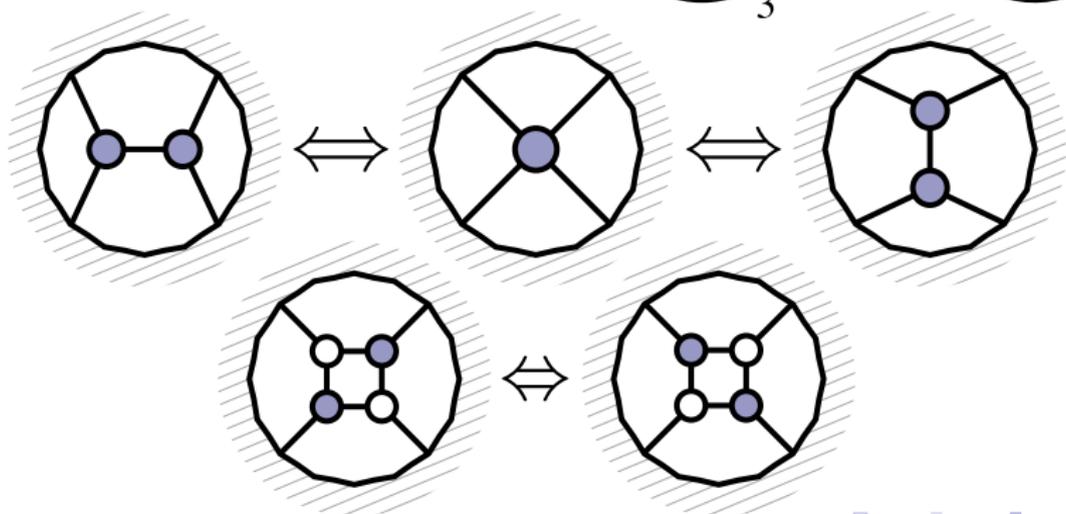
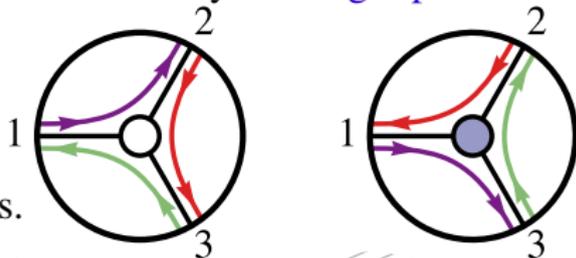
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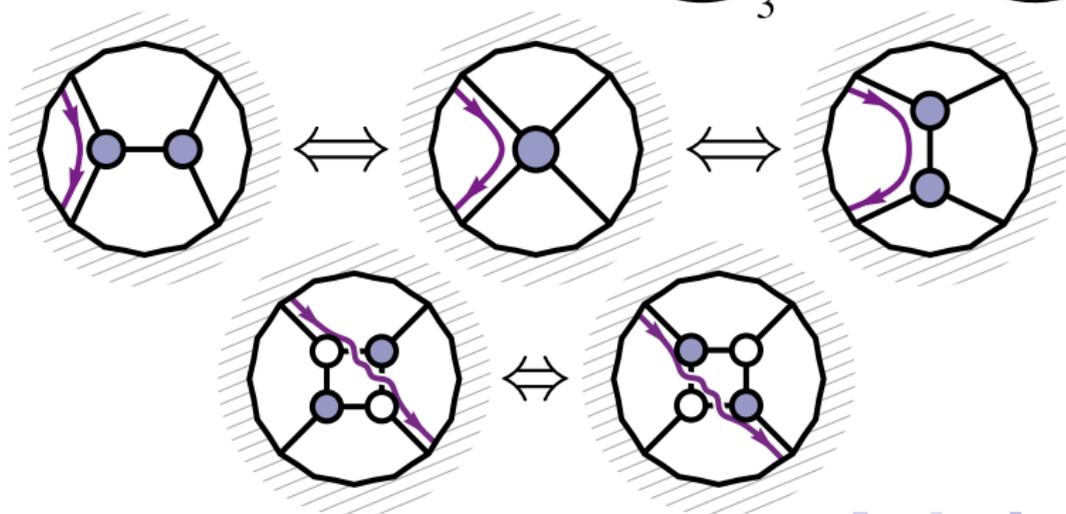
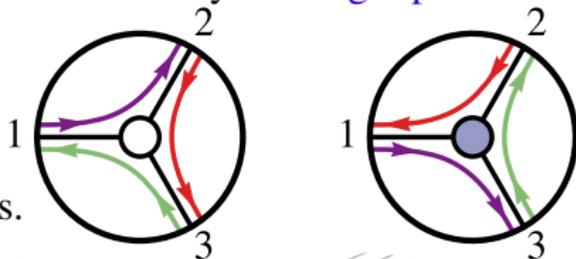
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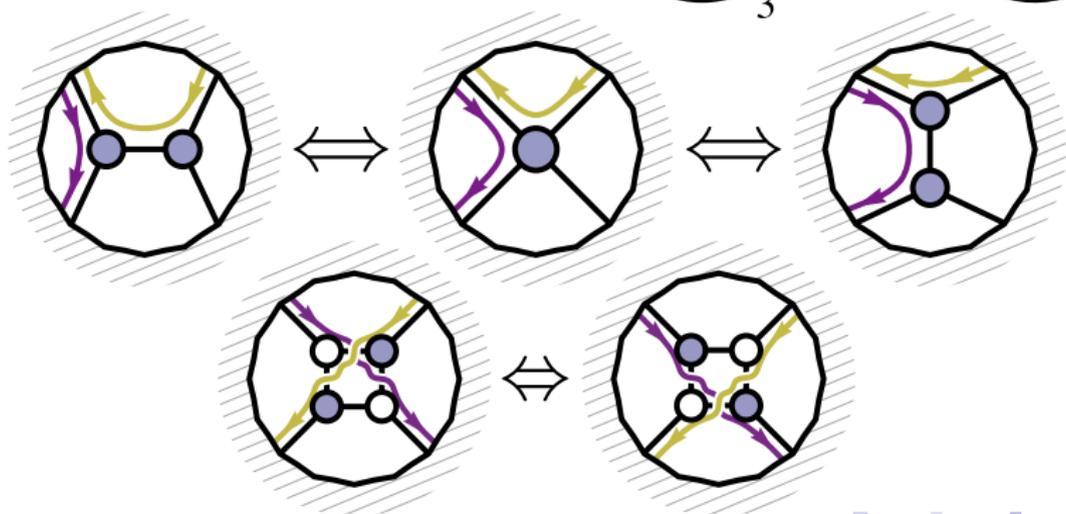
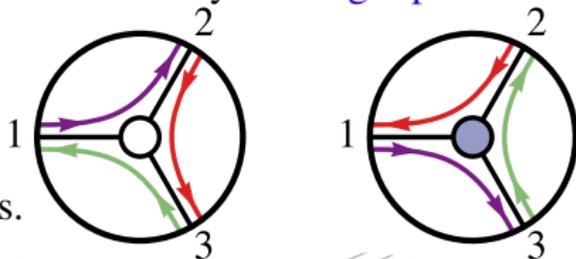
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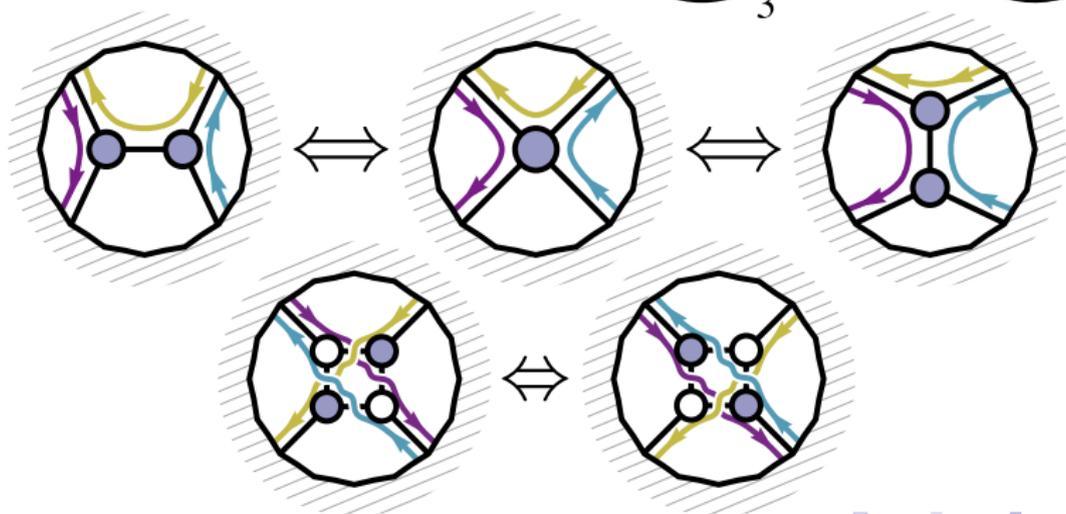
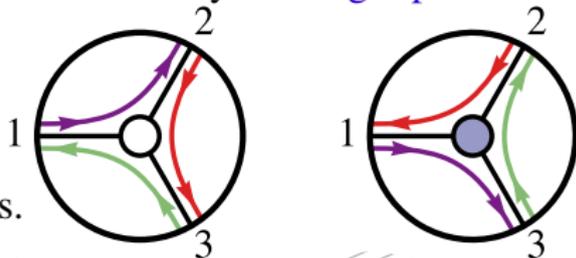
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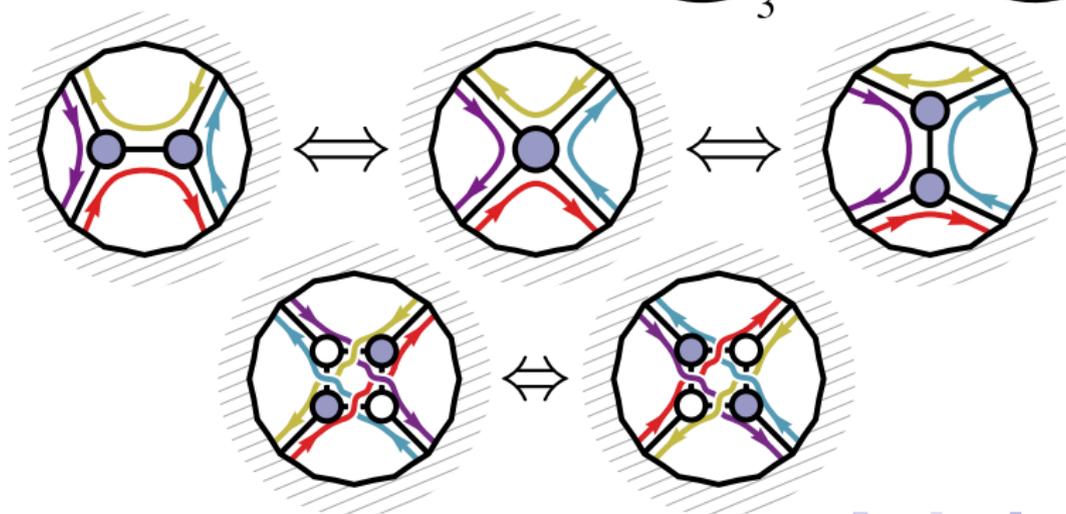
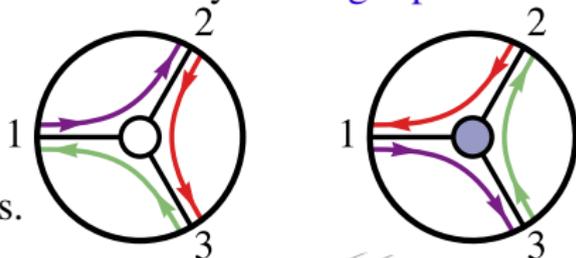
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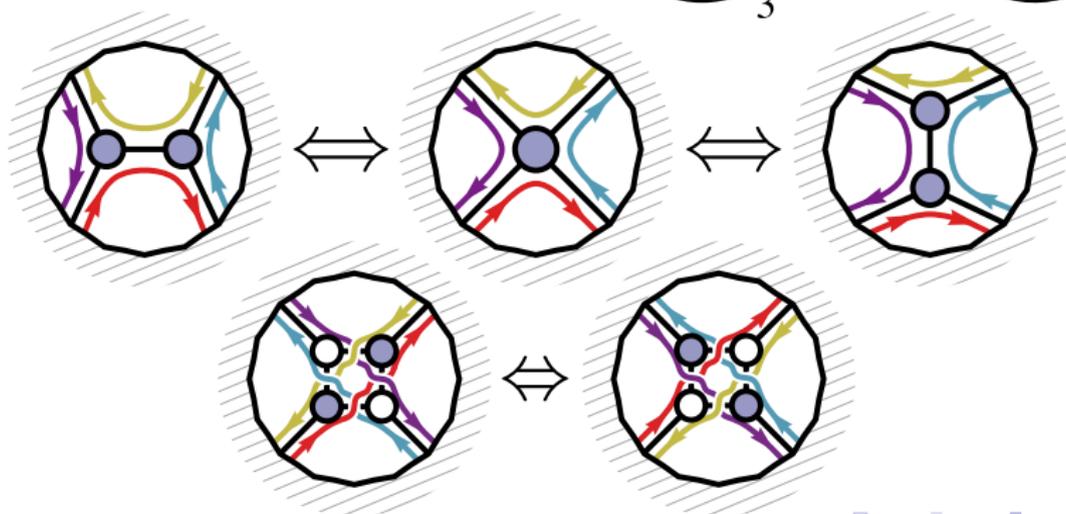
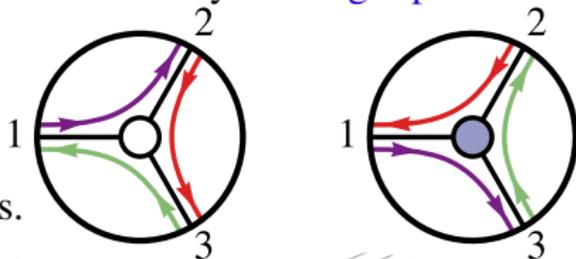
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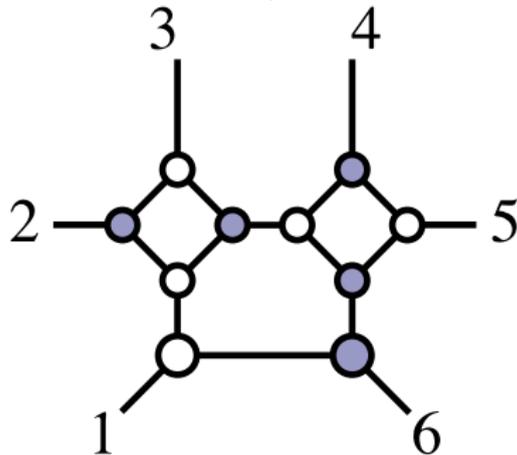
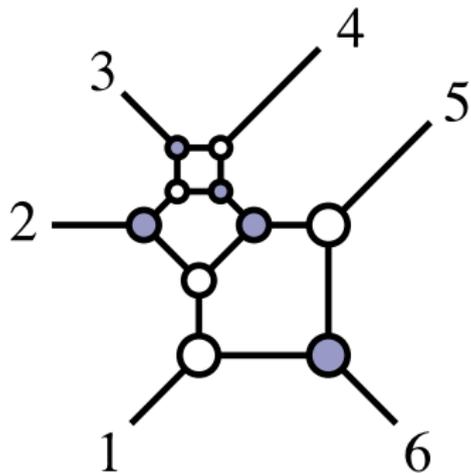
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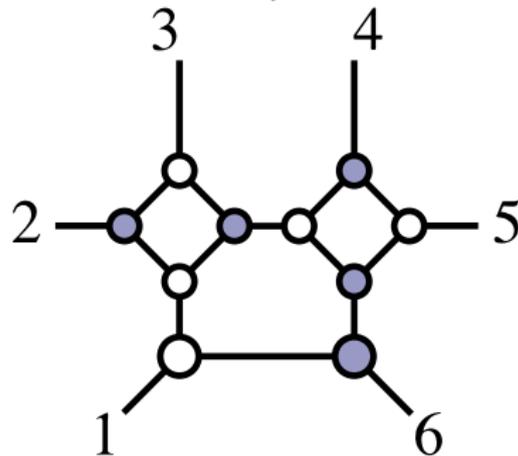
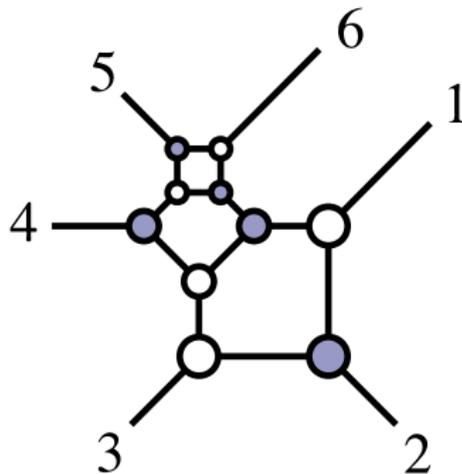
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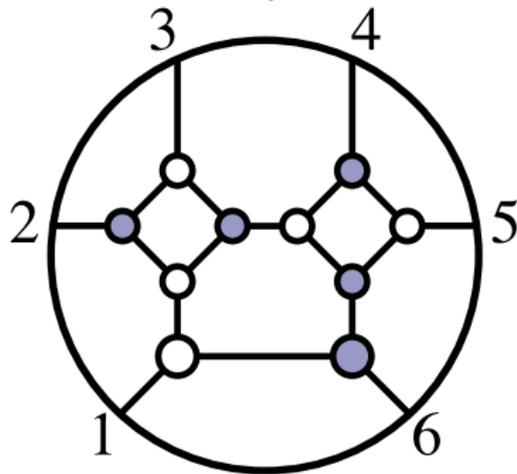
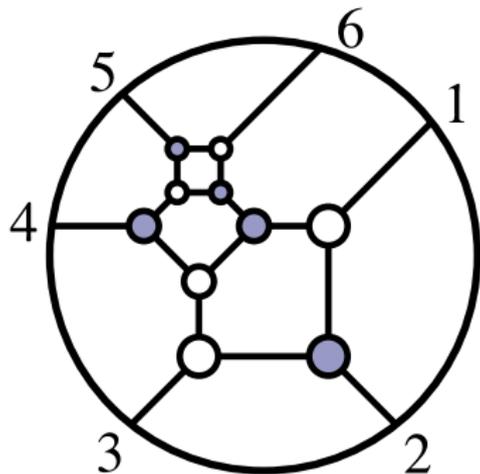
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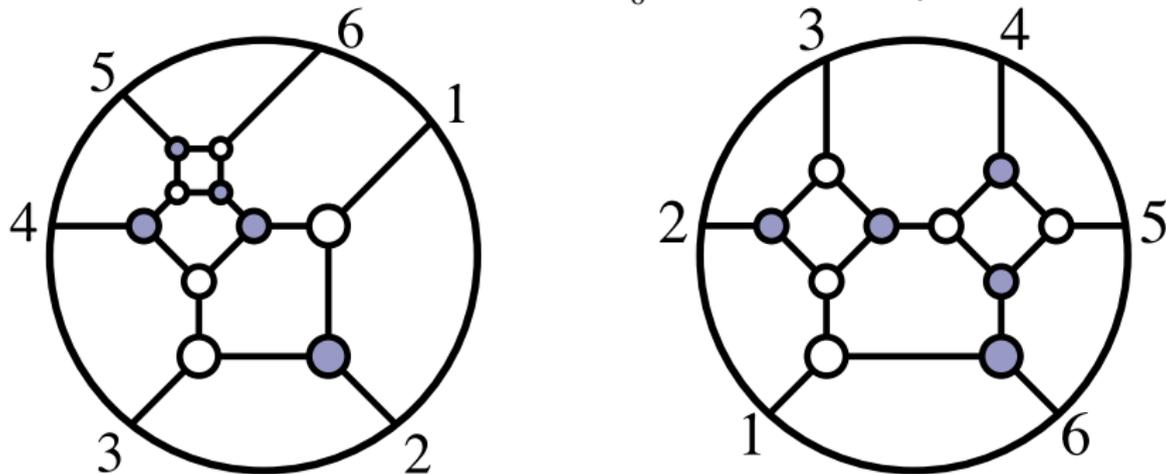
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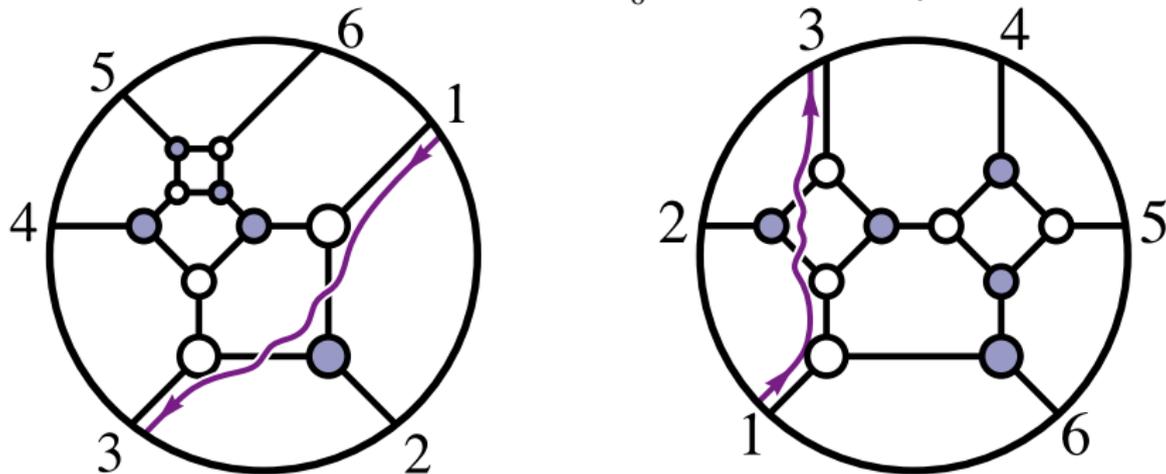
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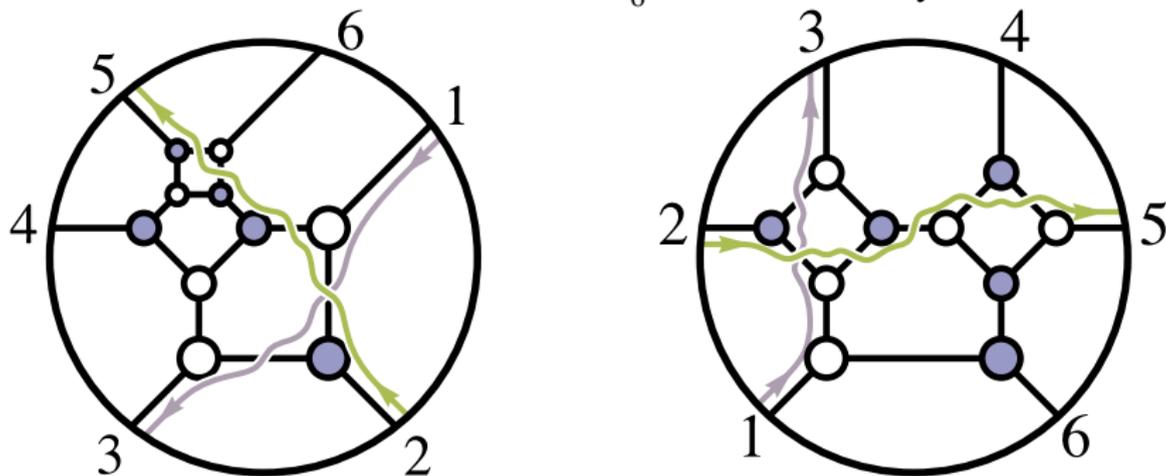
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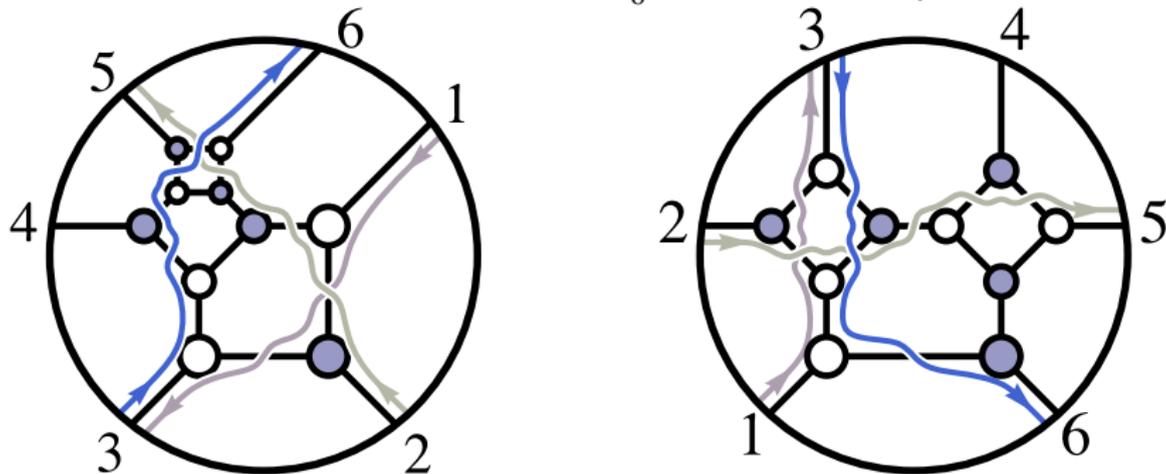
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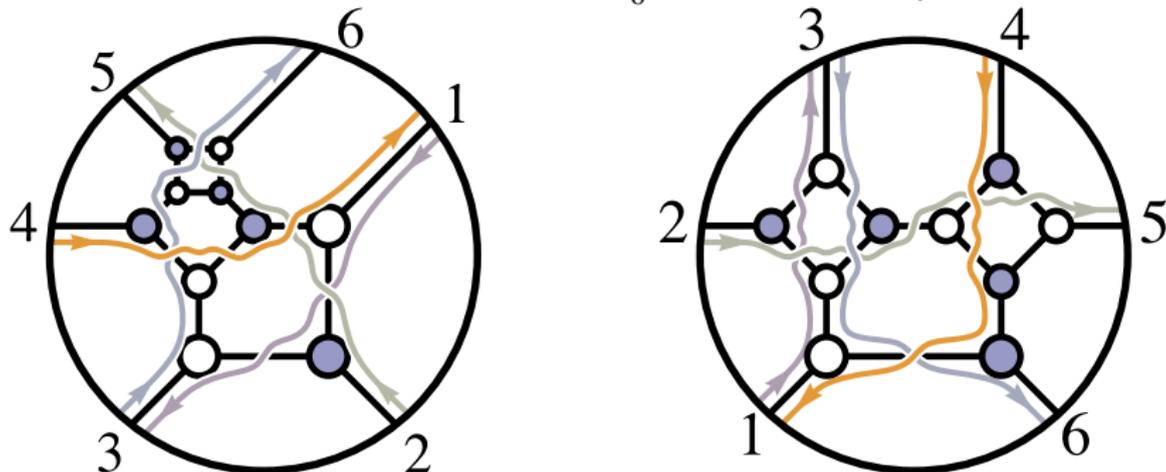
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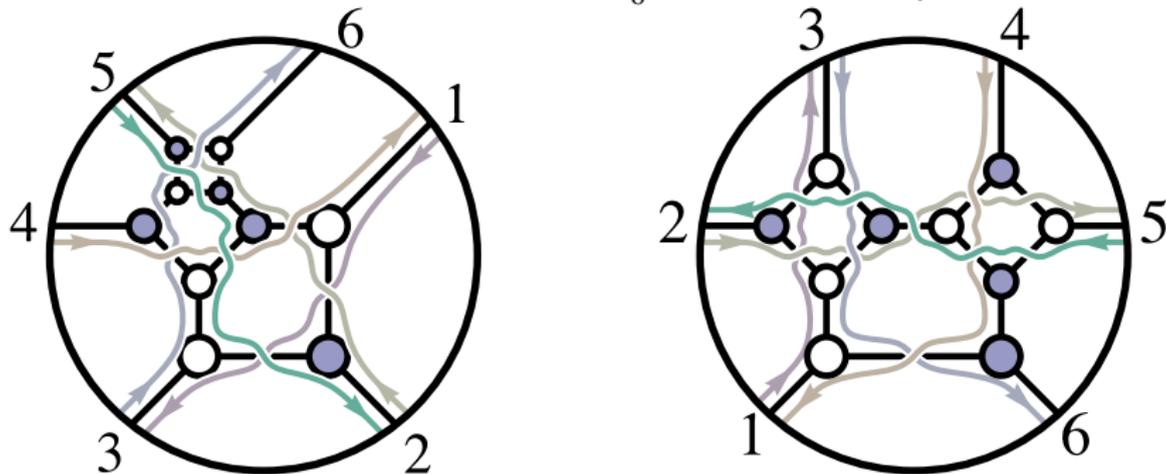
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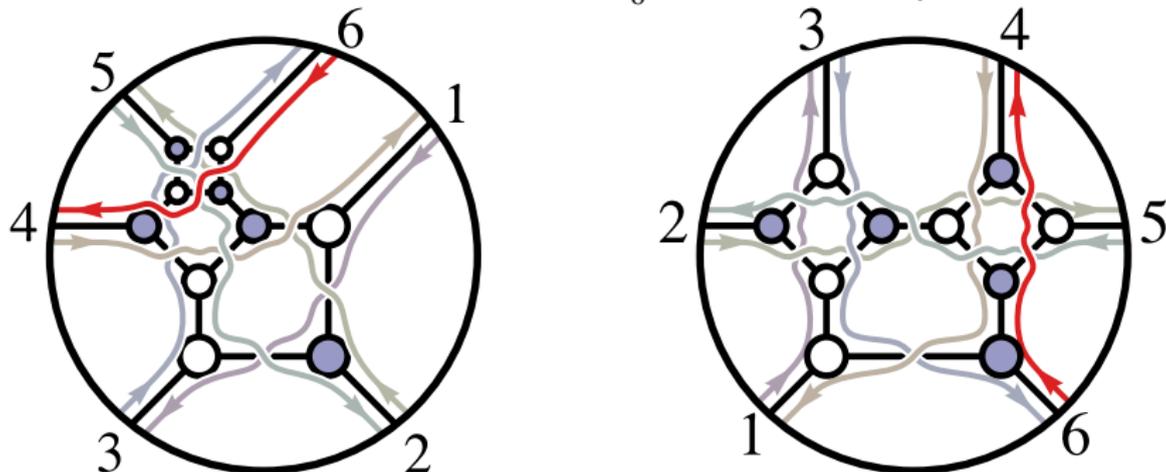
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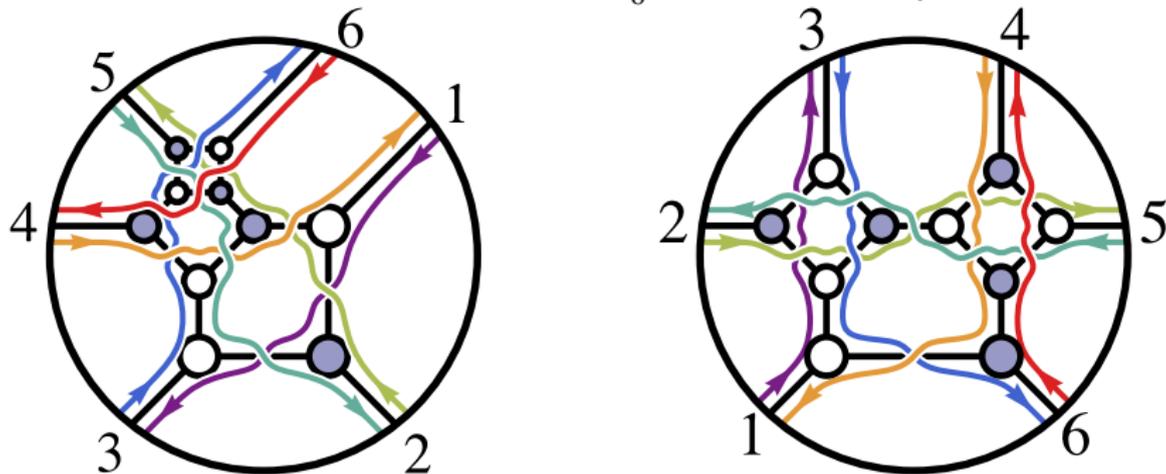
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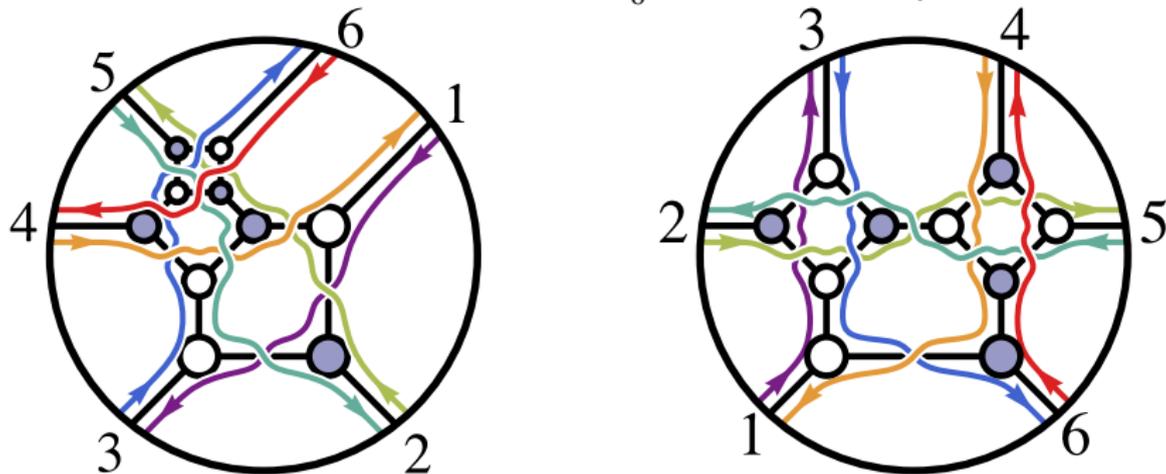
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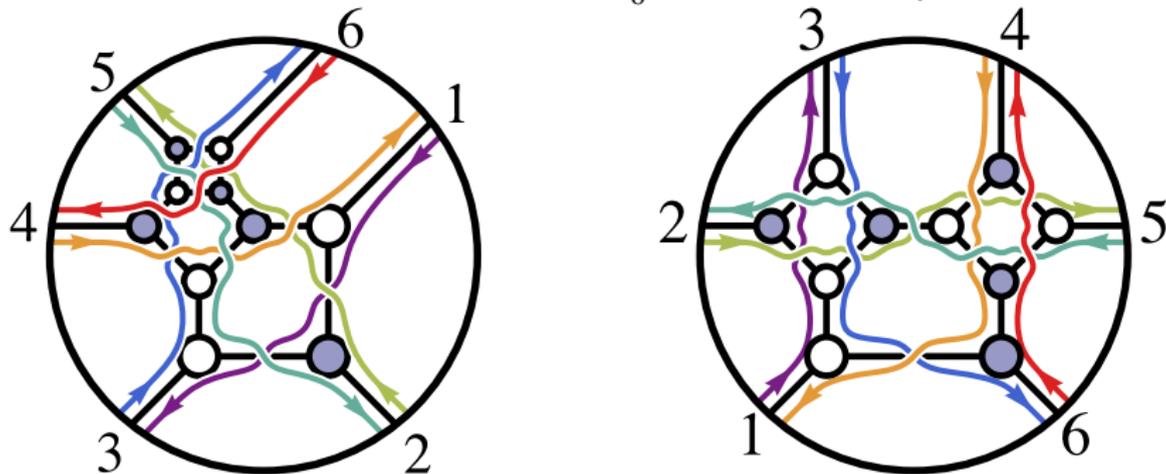
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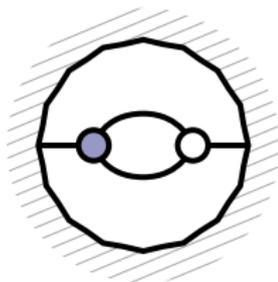
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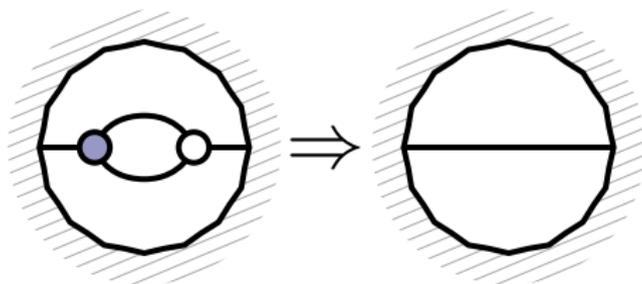
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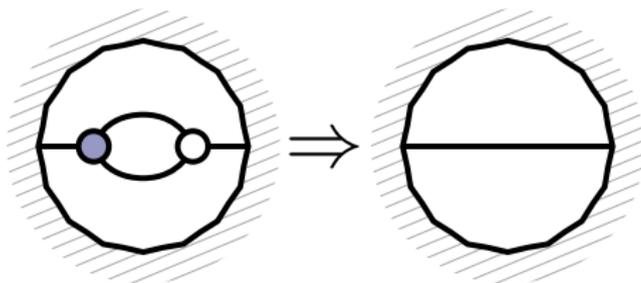
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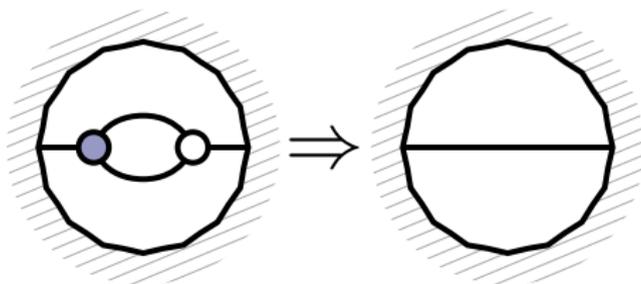


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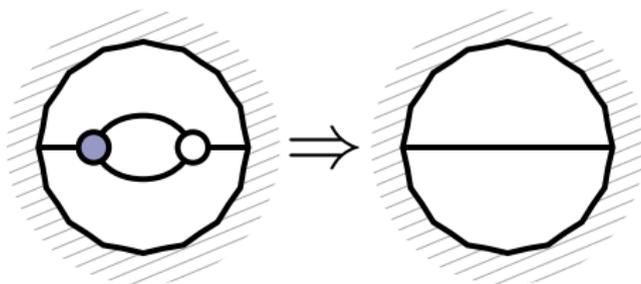


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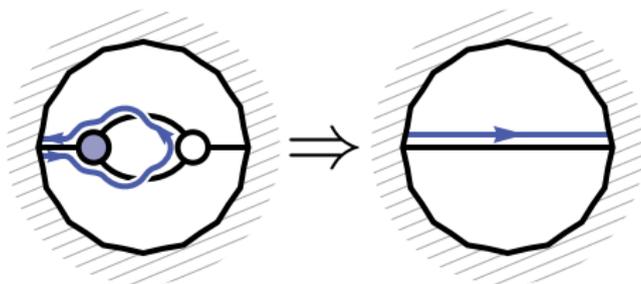


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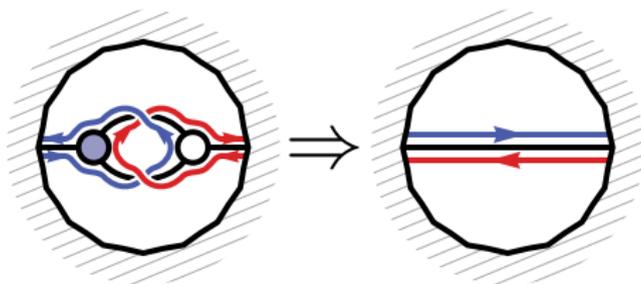


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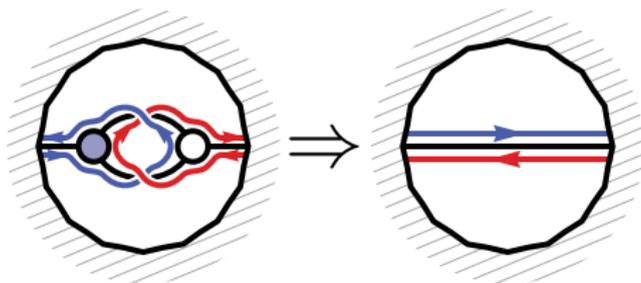
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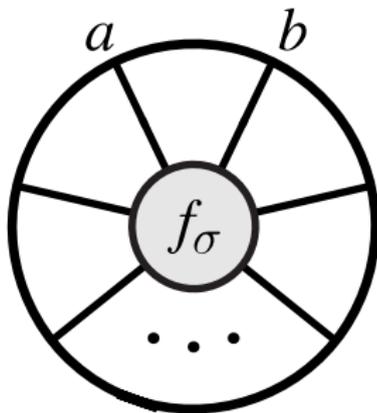
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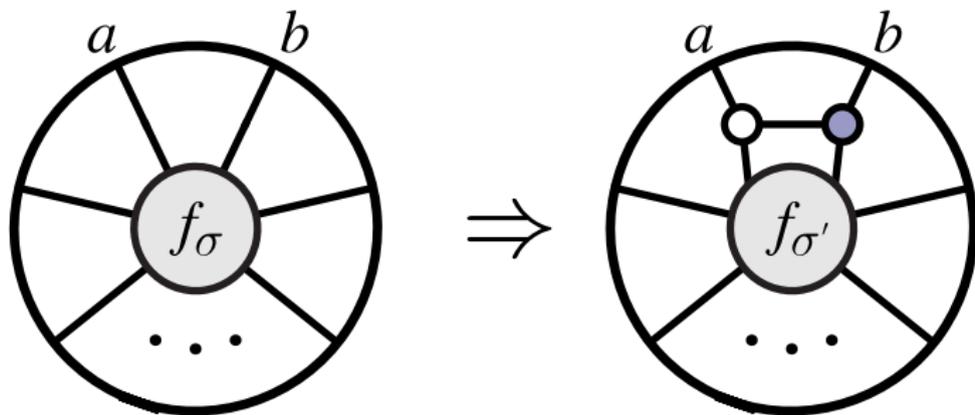
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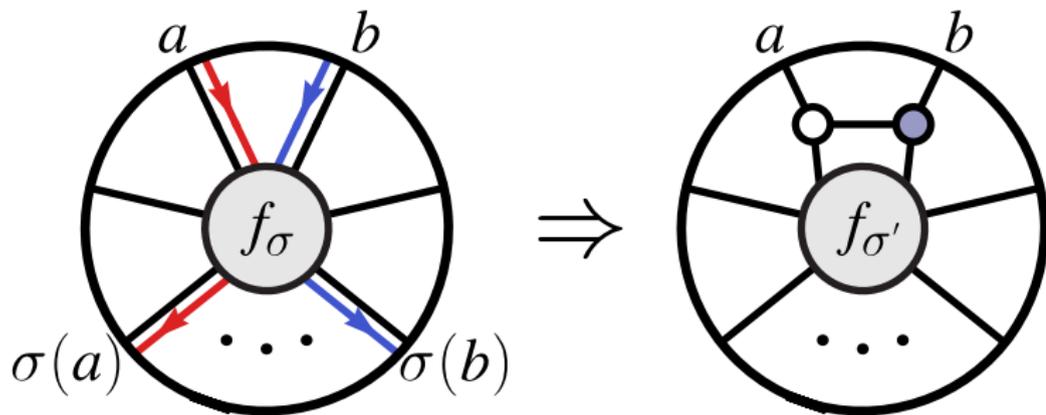
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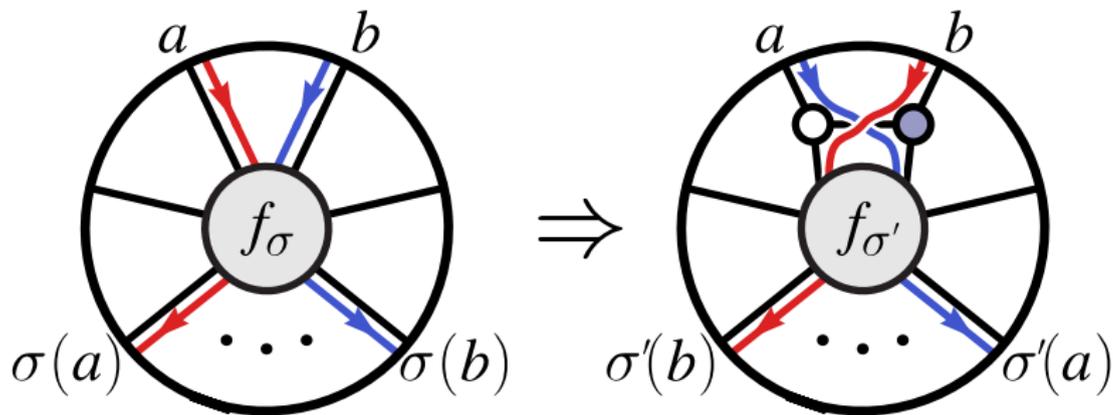
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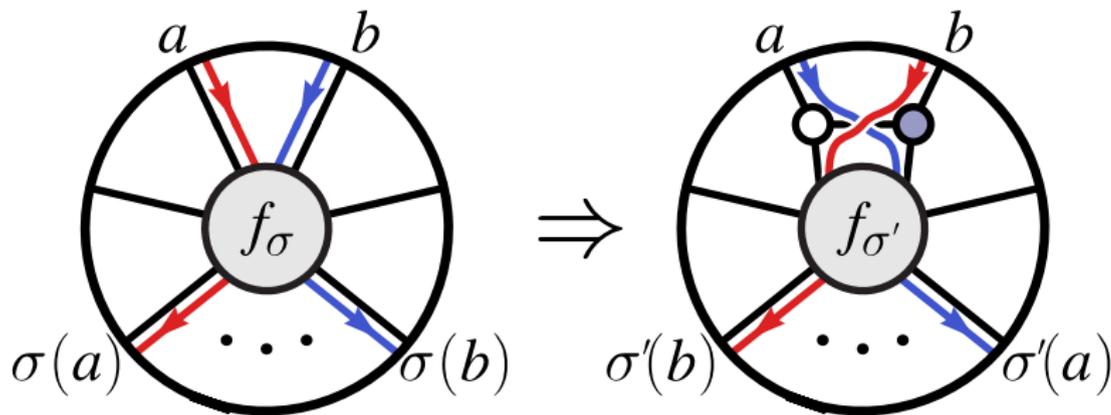
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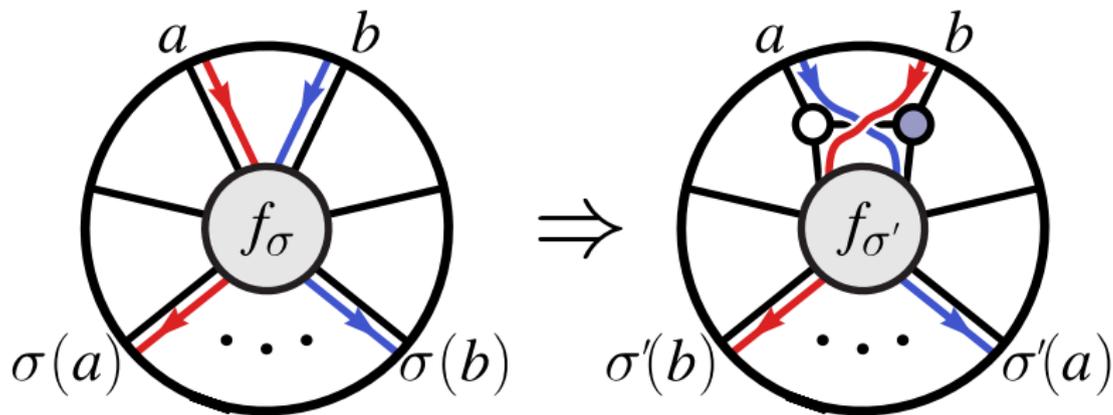
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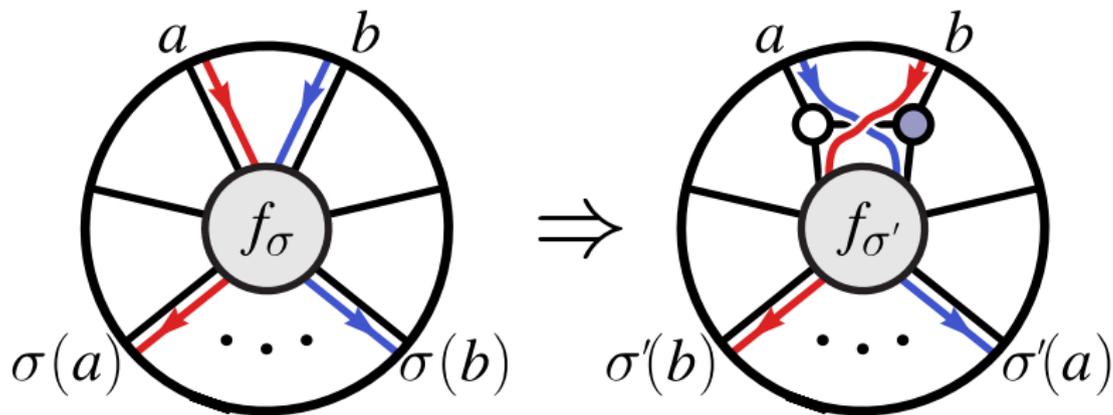
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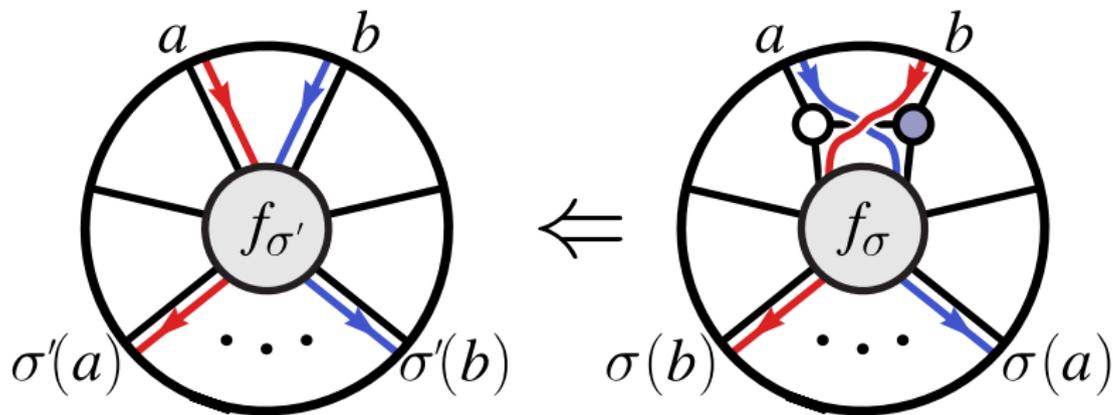
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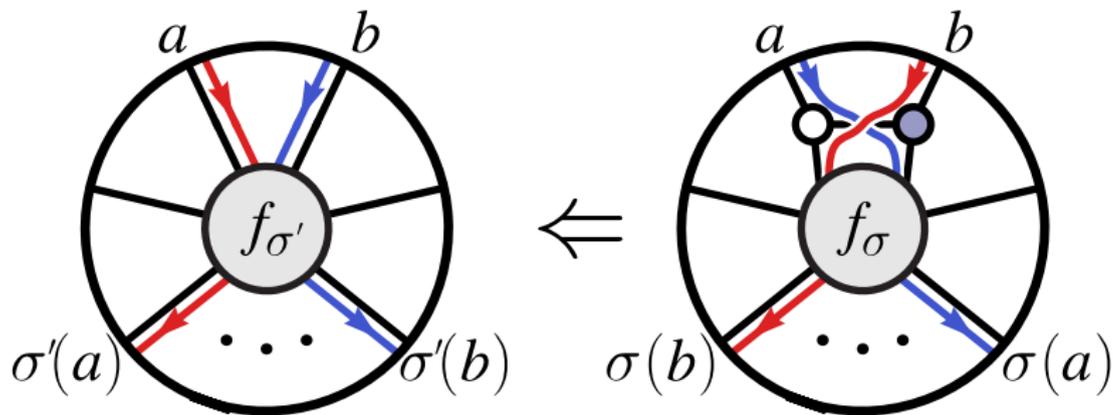
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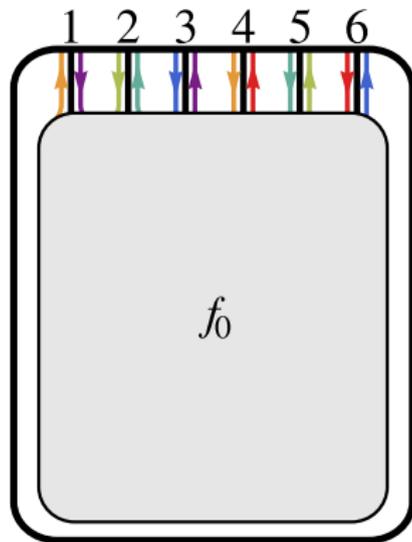
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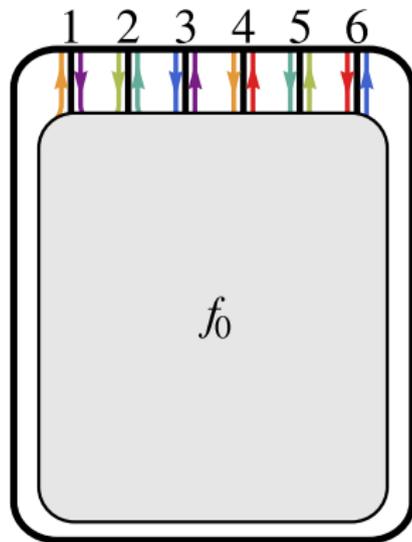


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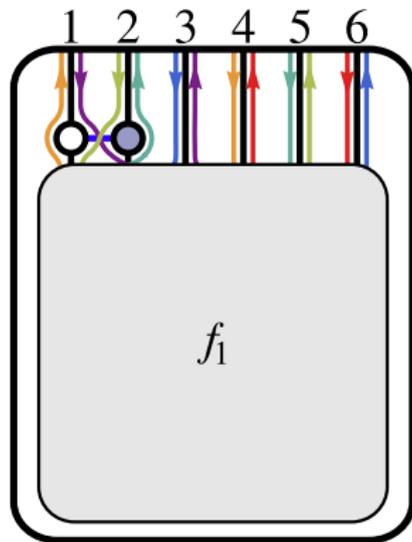
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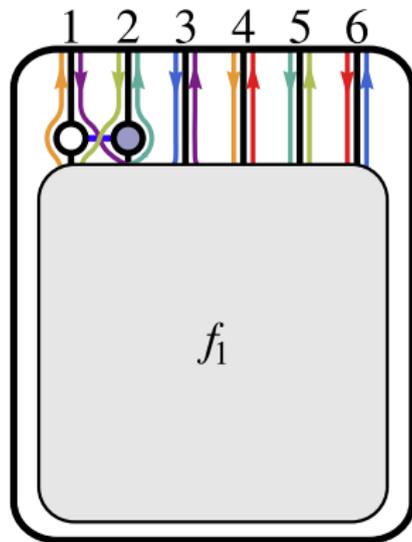
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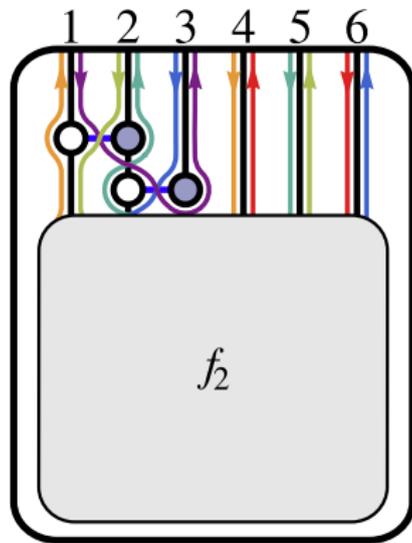
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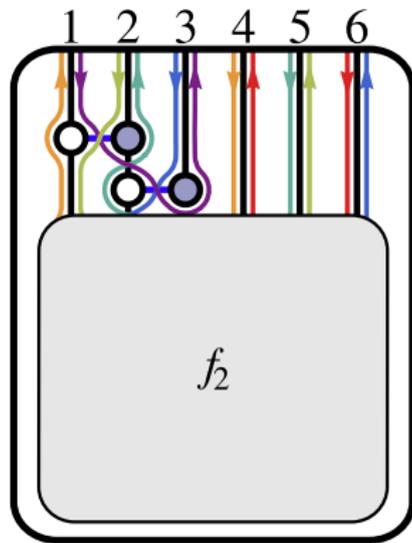
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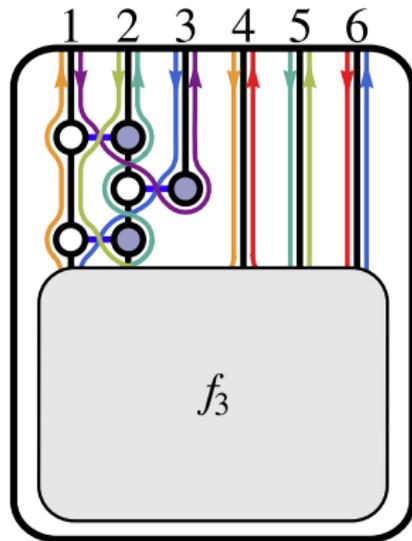
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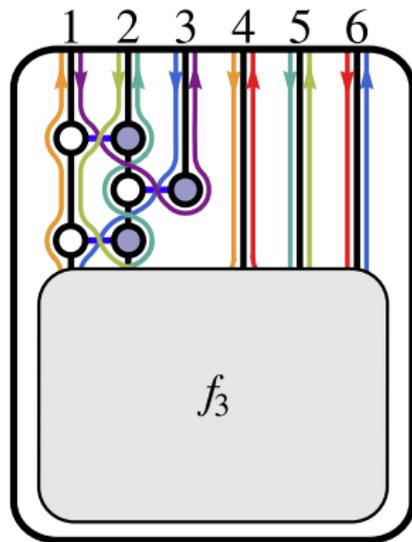
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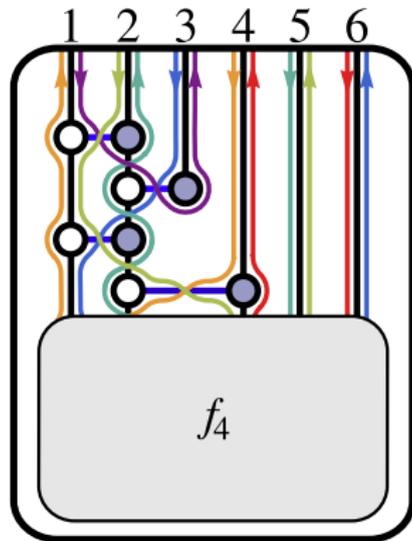
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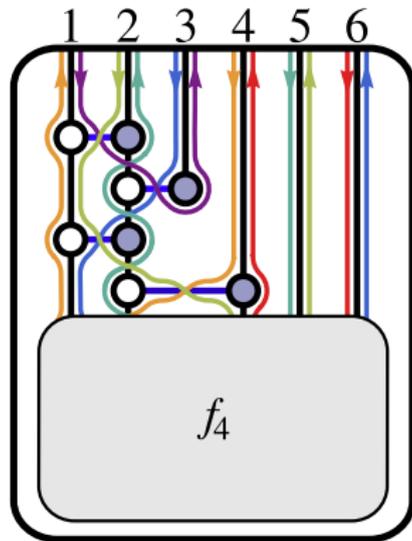
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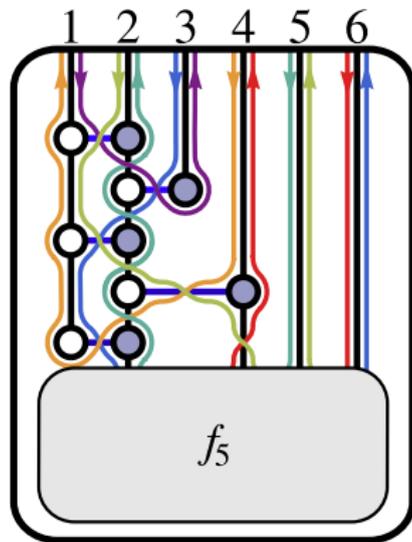
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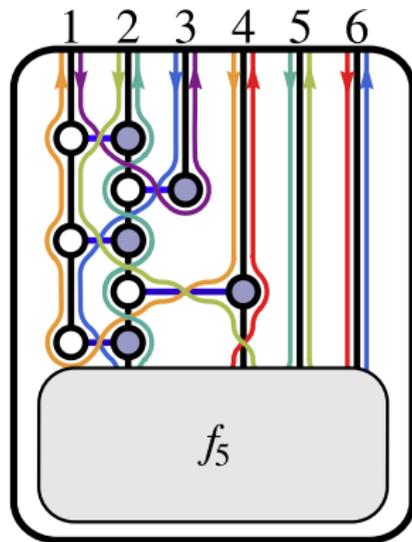
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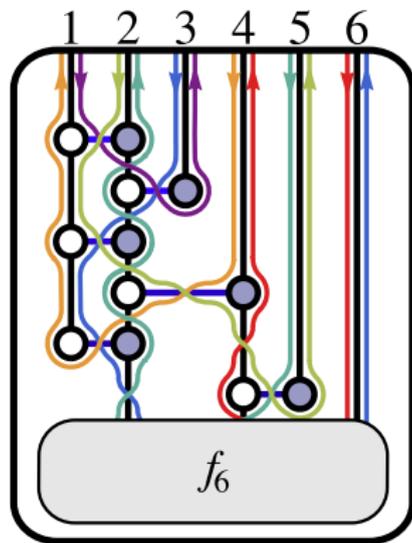
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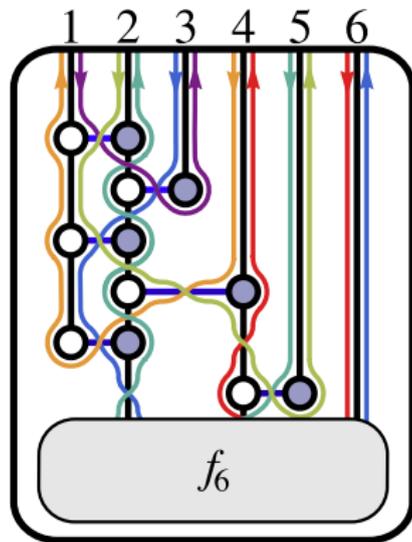
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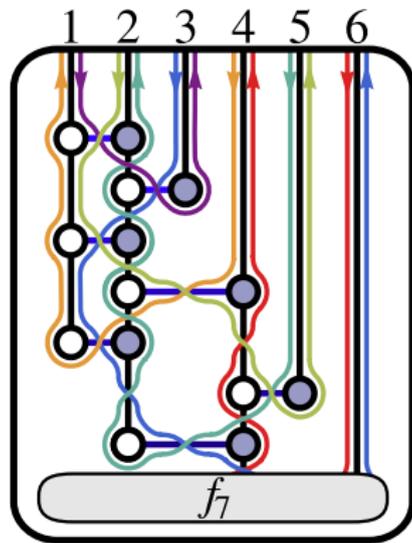
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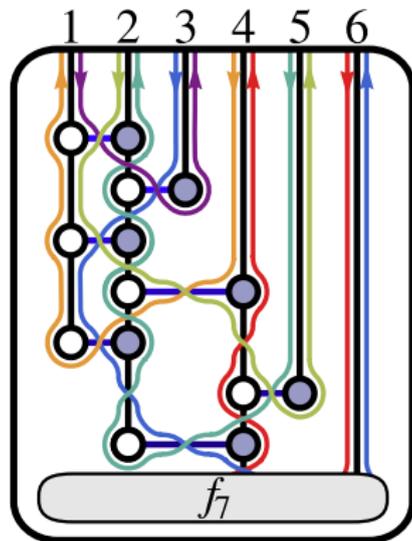
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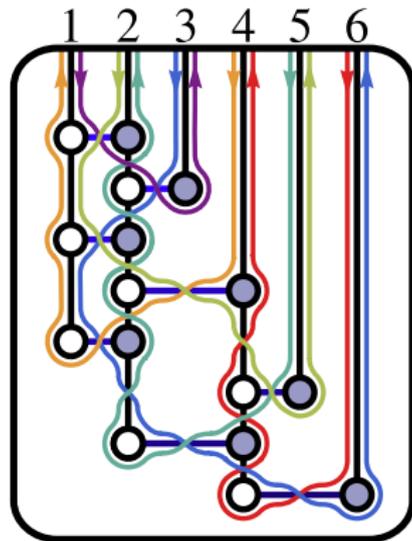
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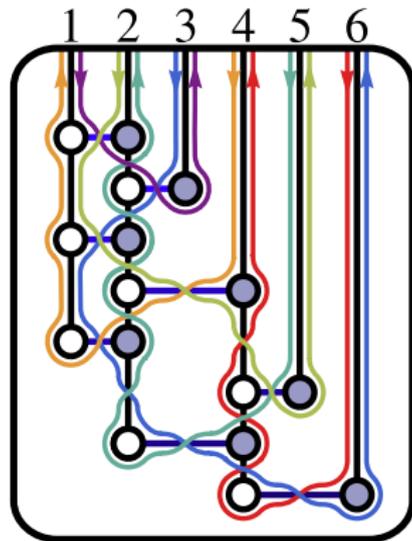
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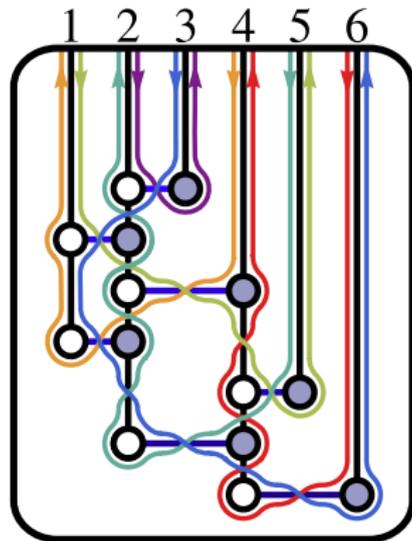
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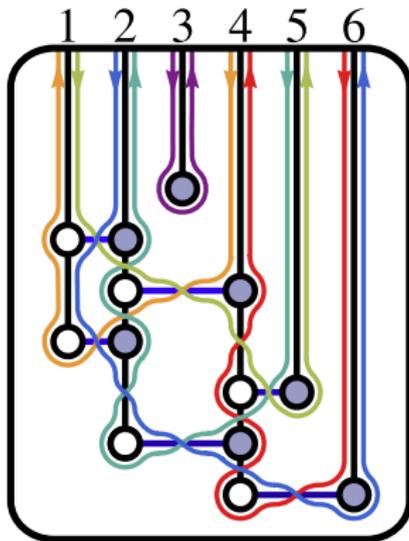
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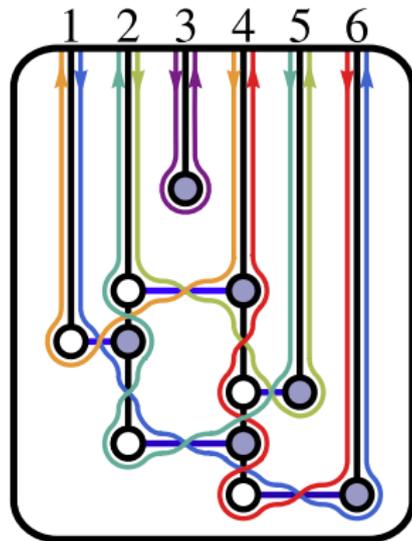
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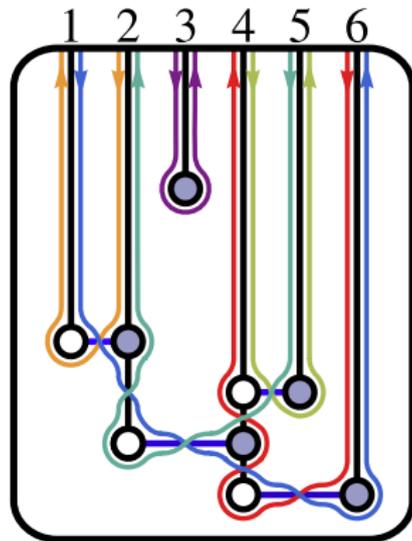
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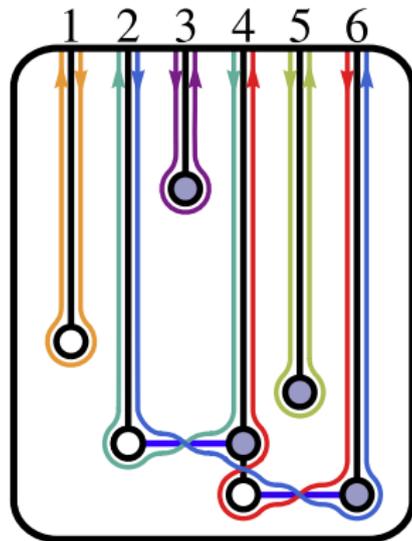
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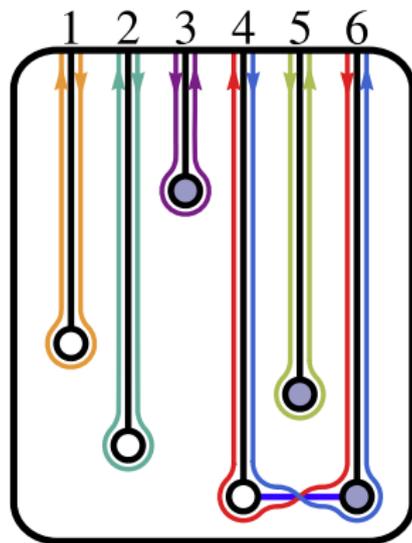
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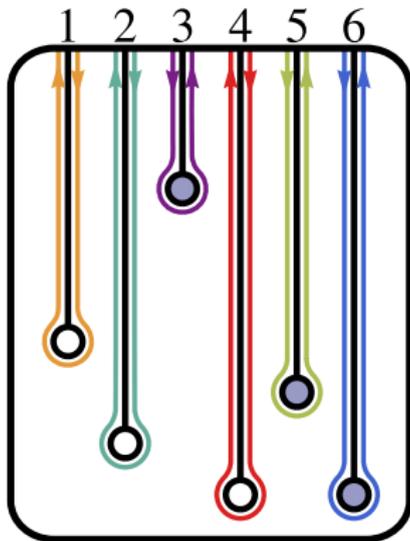
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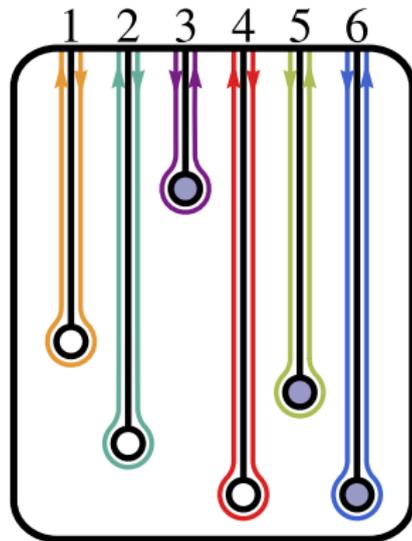
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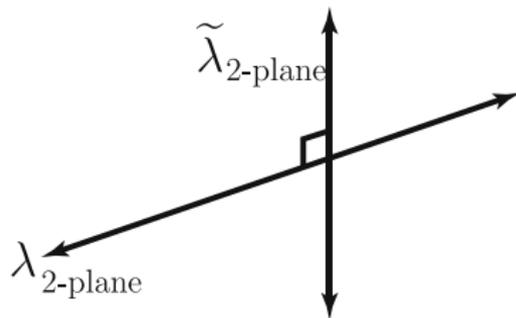
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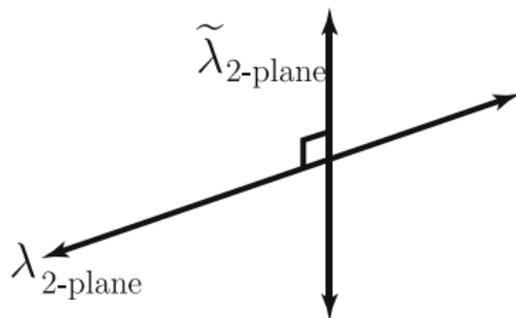
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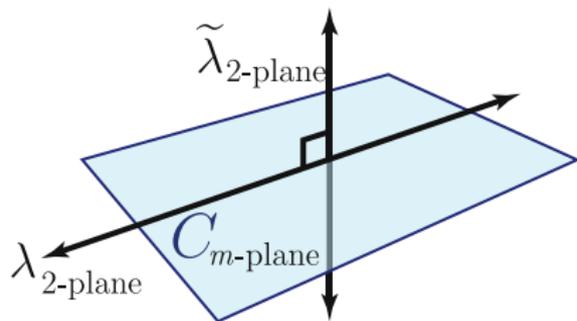
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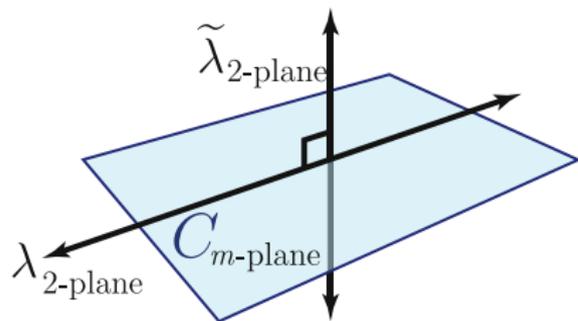
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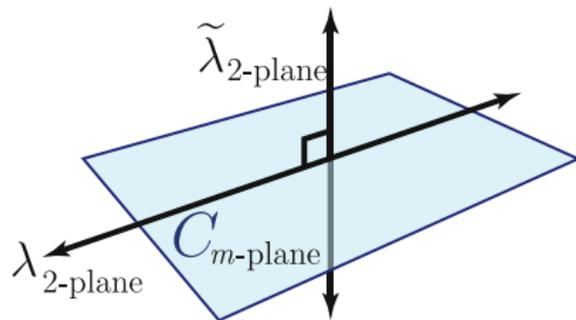
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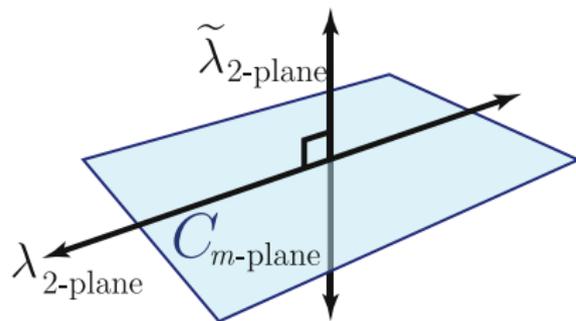
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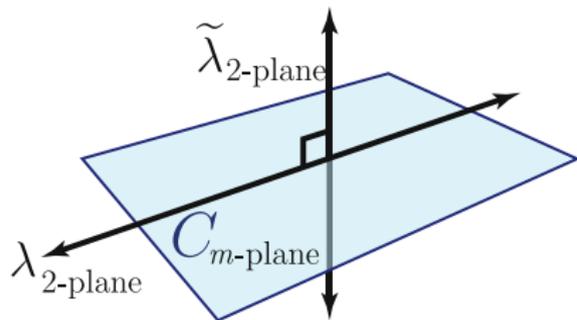
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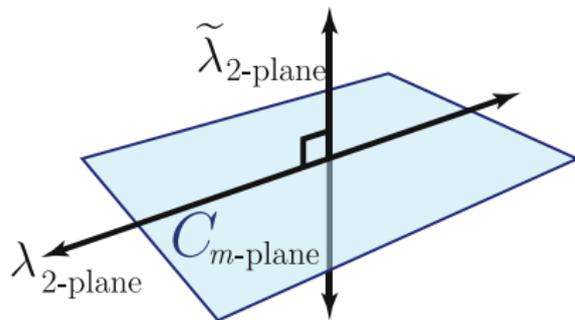
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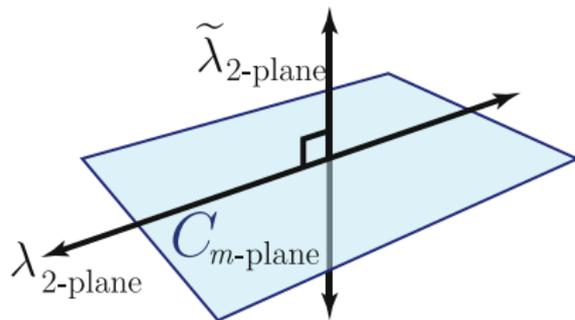
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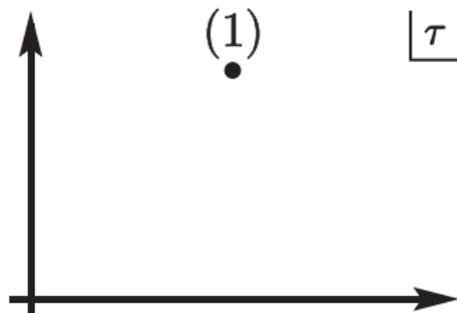
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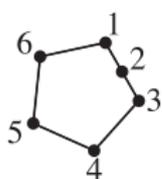
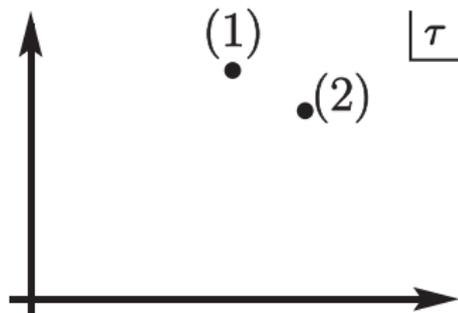
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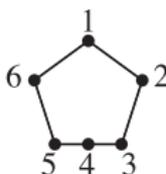
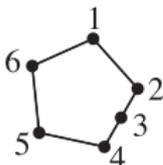
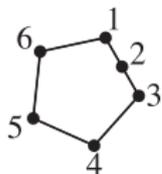
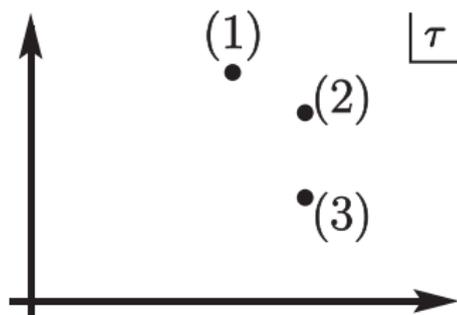
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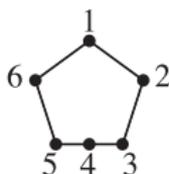
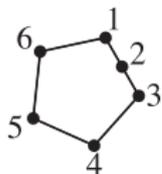
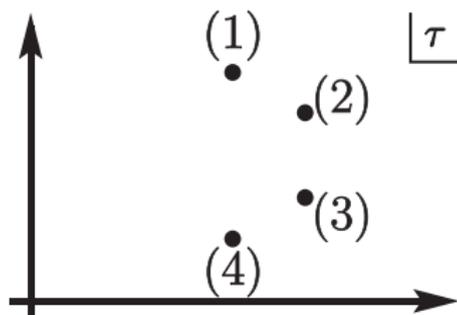
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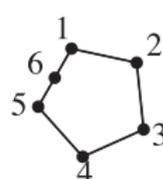
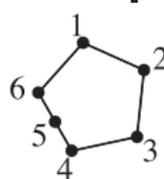
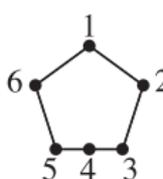
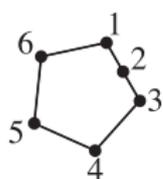
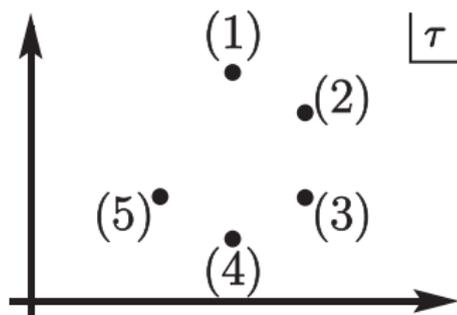
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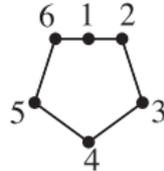
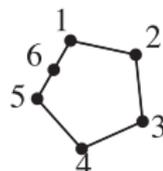
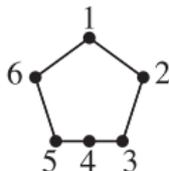
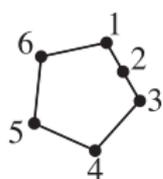
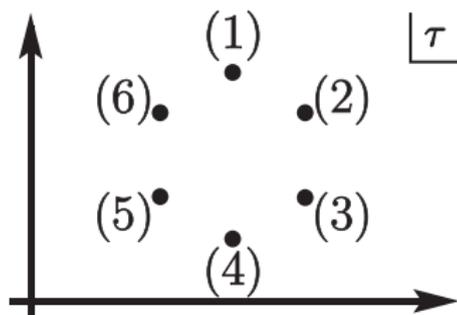
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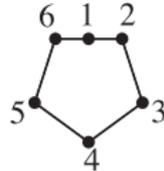
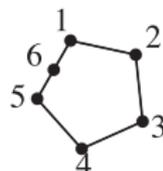
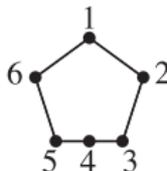
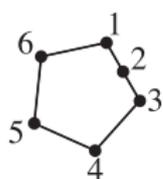
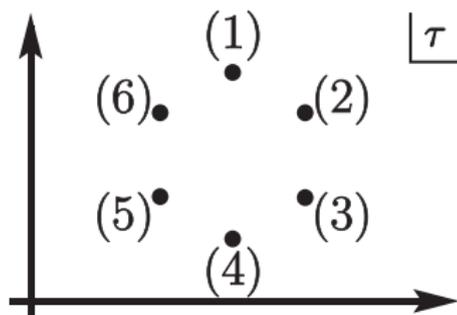
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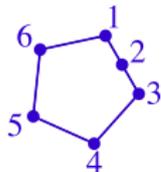
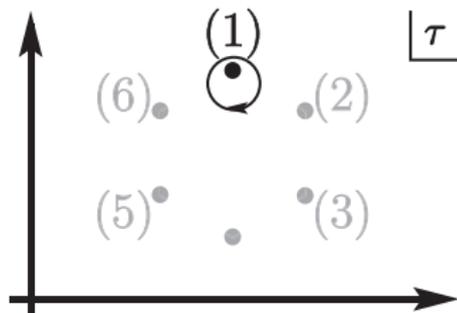
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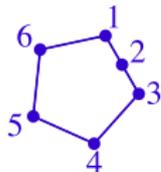
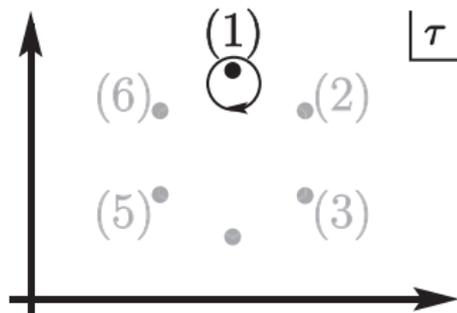
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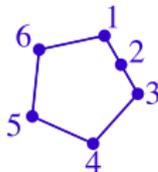
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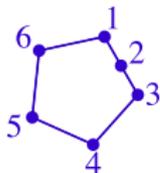
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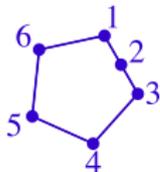
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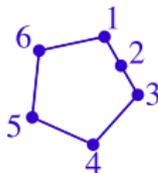
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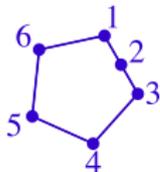
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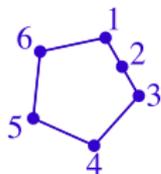
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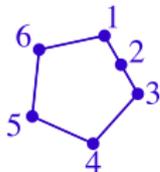
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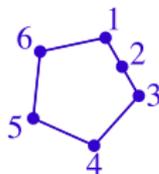
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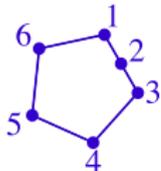
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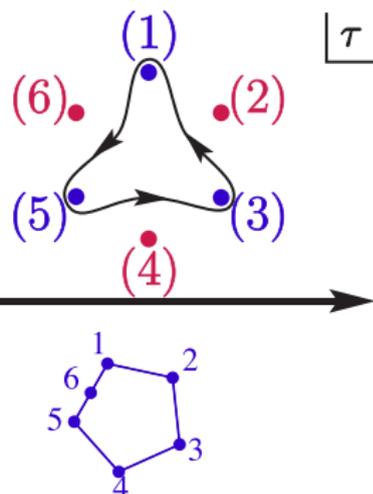
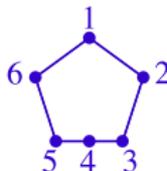
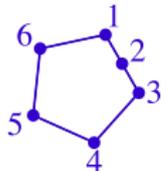
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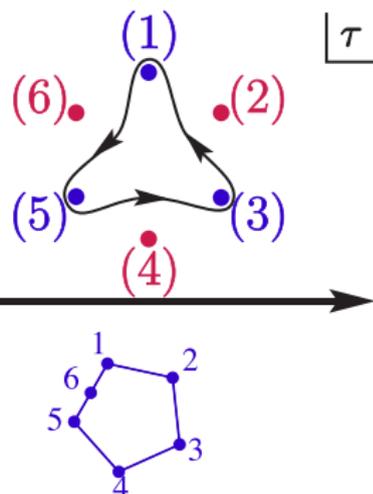
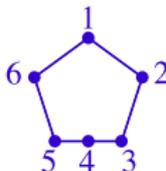
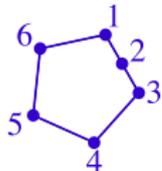
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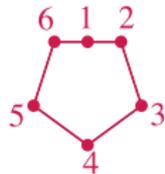
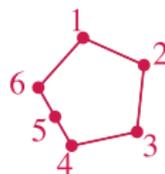
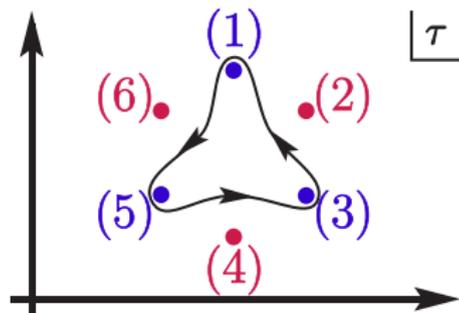
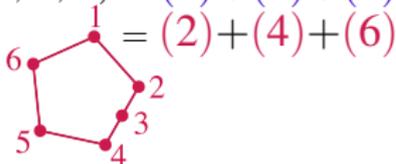
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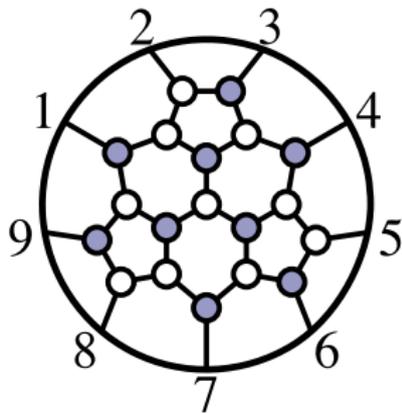
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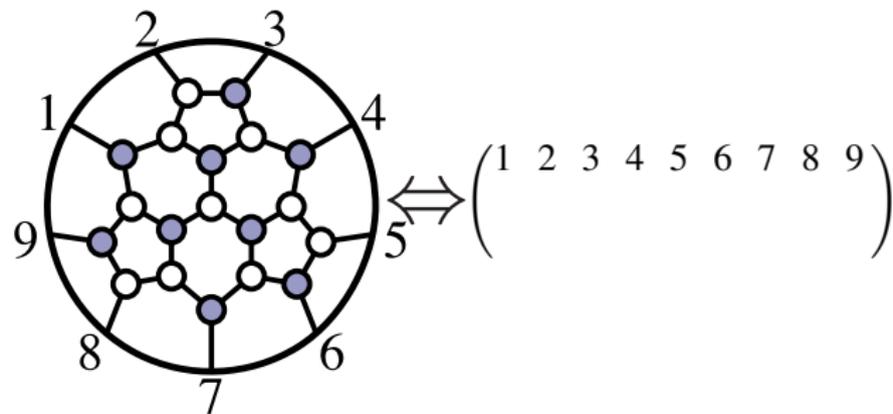
The residues of  $\mathcal{L}_{n,m}$  are in one-to-one correspondence with on-shell functions of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$

- what *are* the **possible contours** of integration for  $\mathcal{L}_{n,m}$ ?
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- what relations do they satisfy?

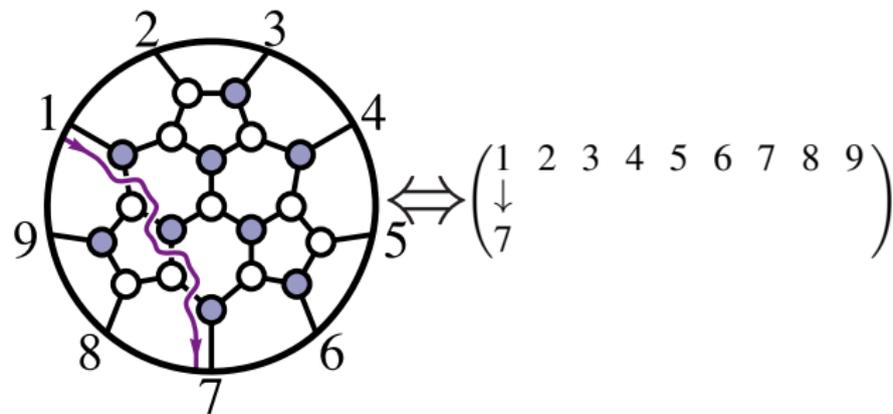
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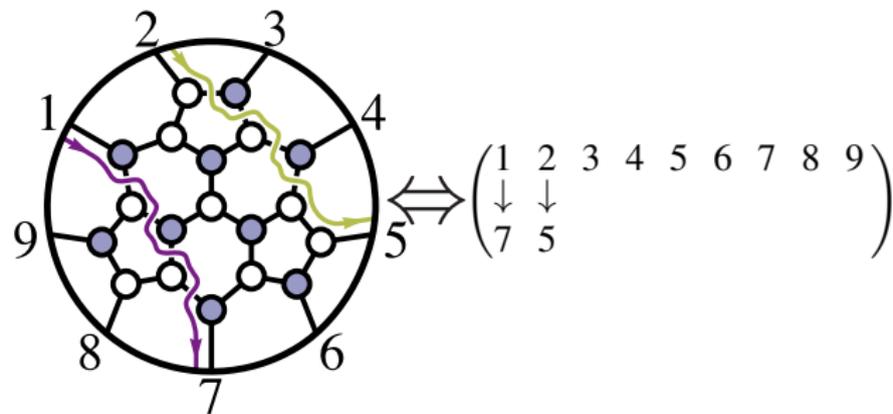
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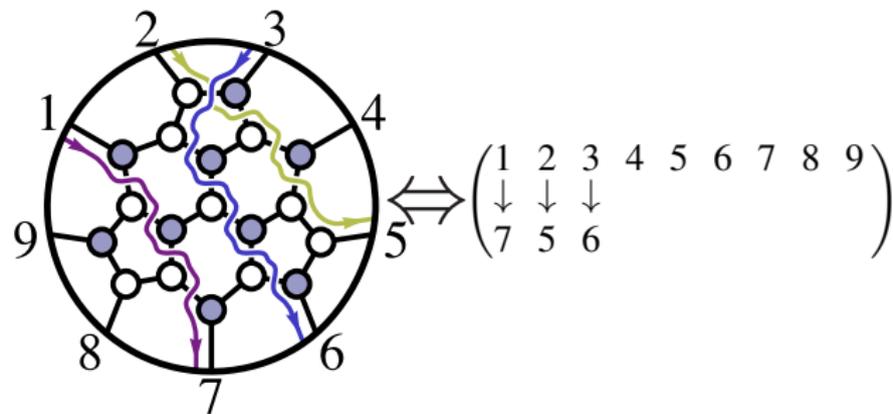
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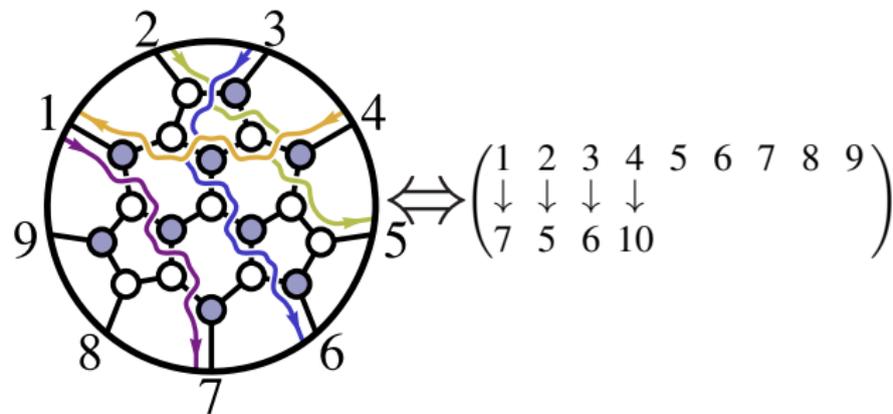
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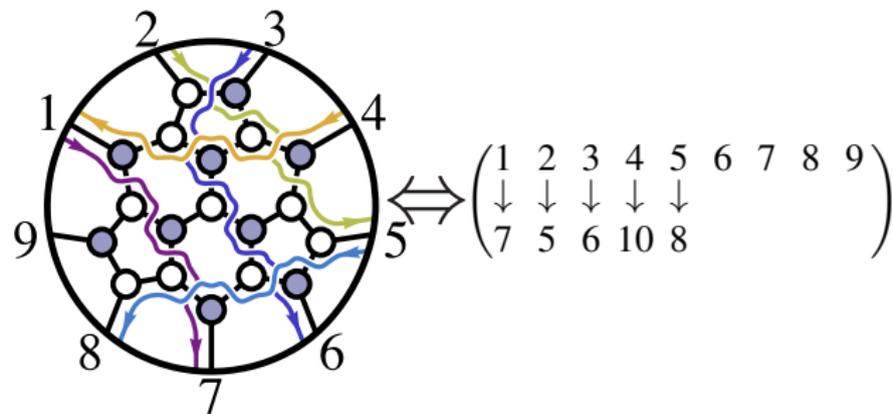
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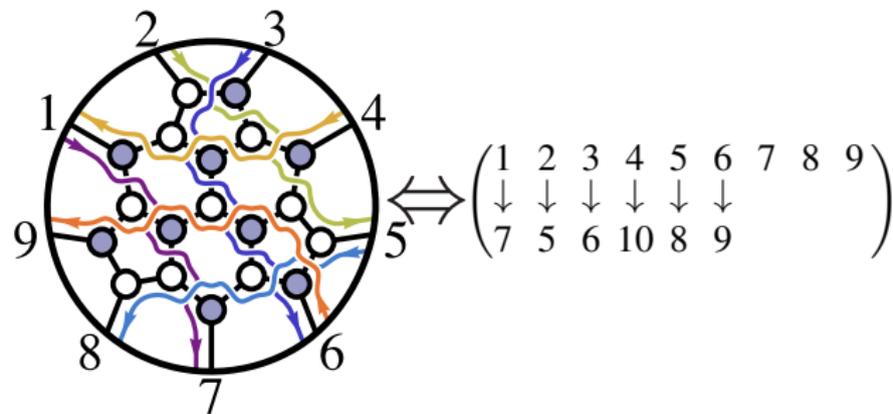
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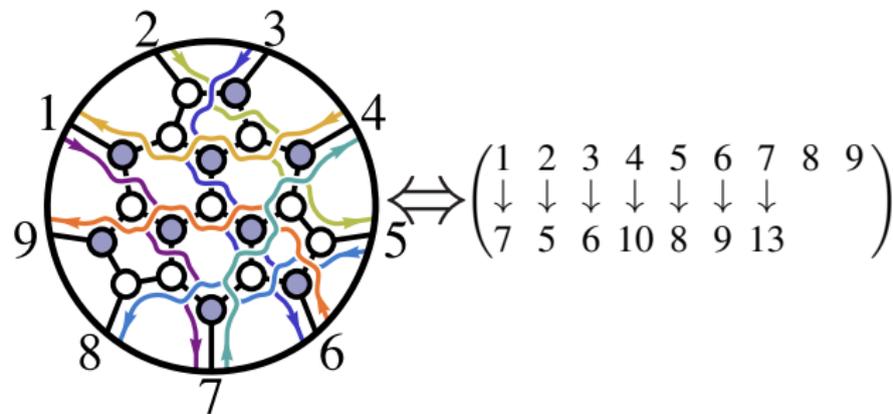
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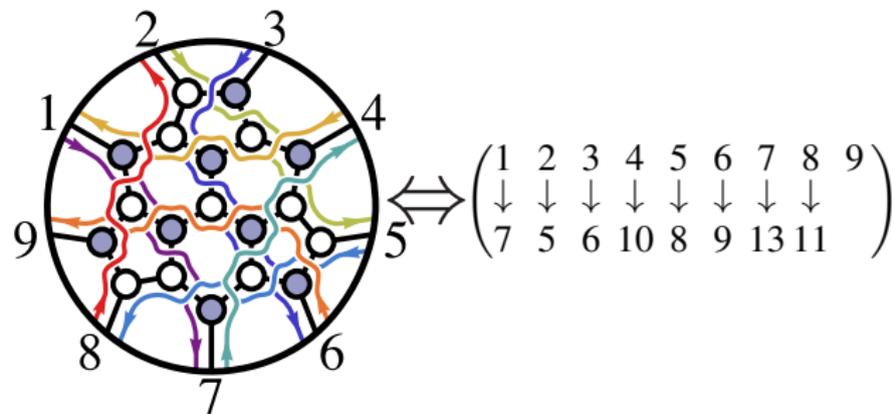
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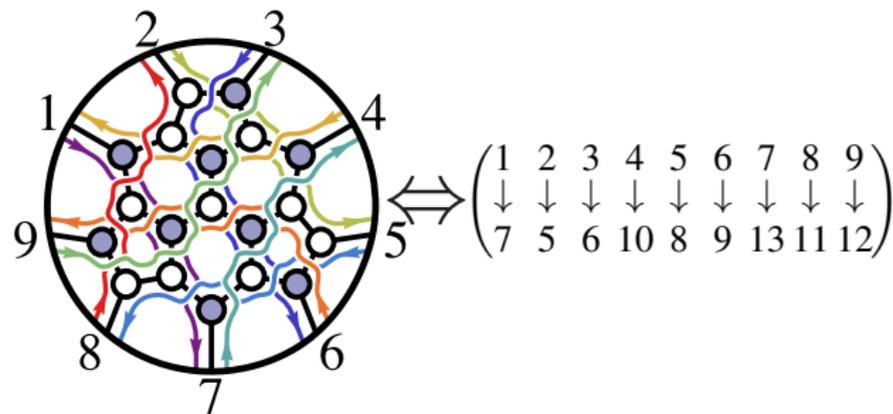
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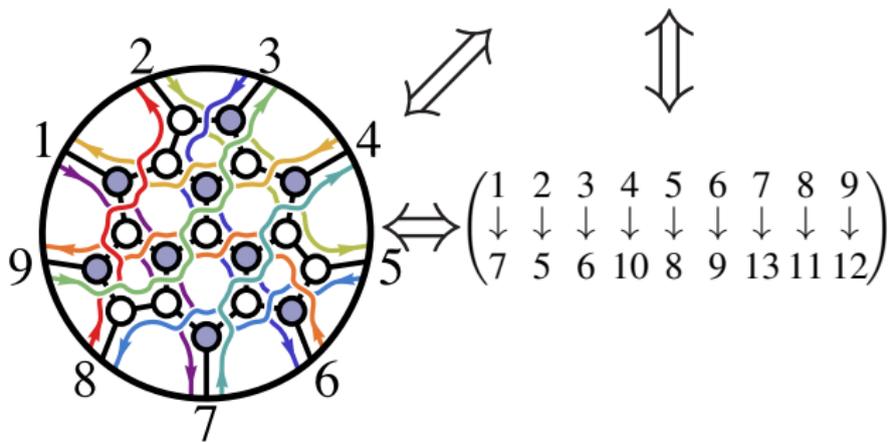


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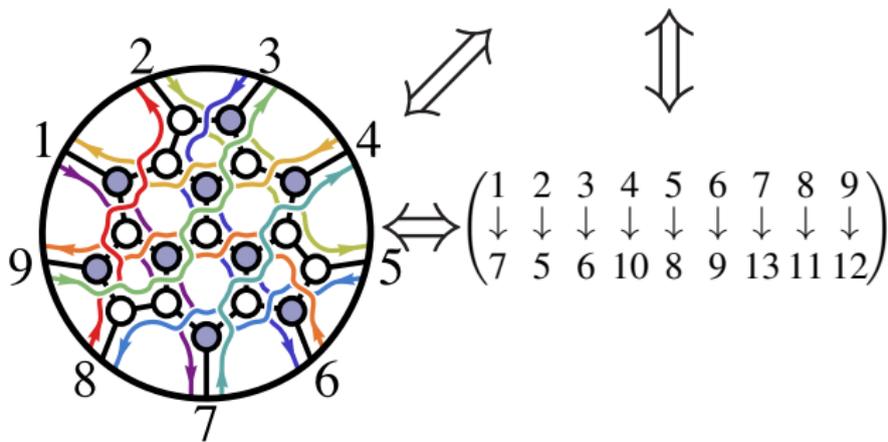
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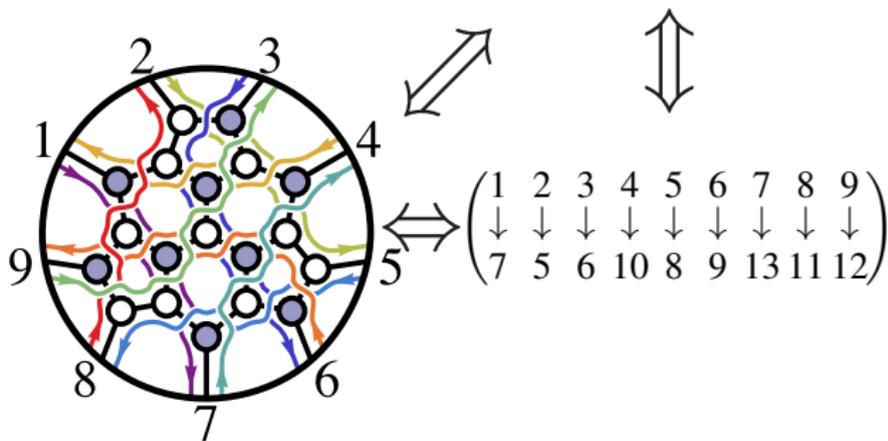
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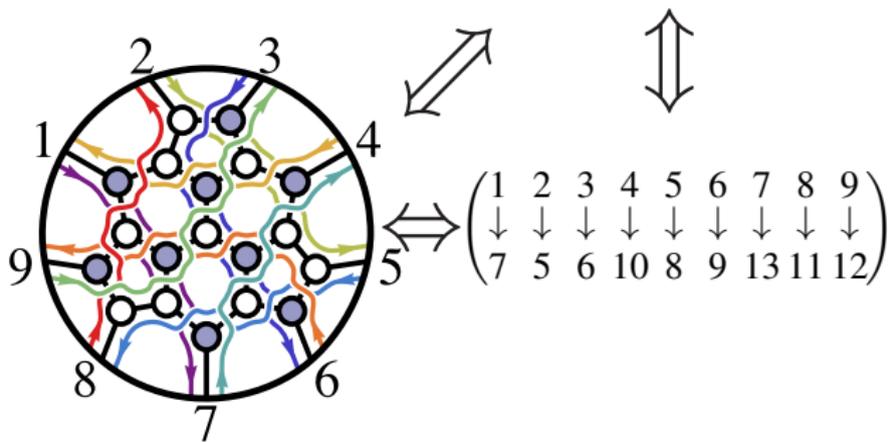
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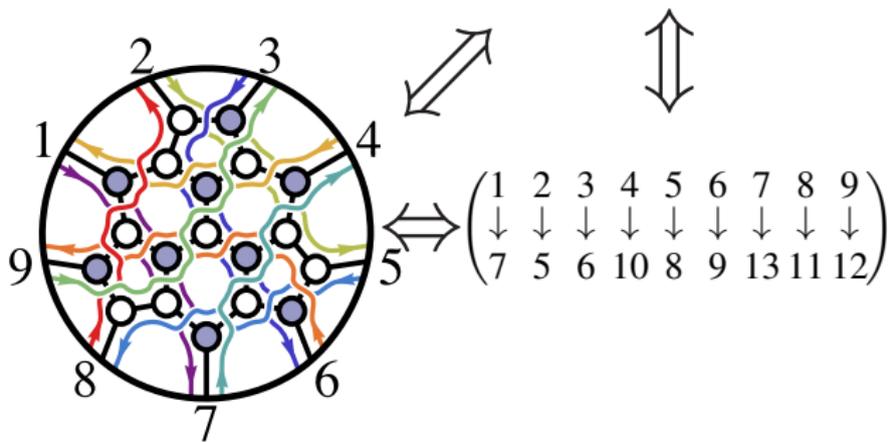
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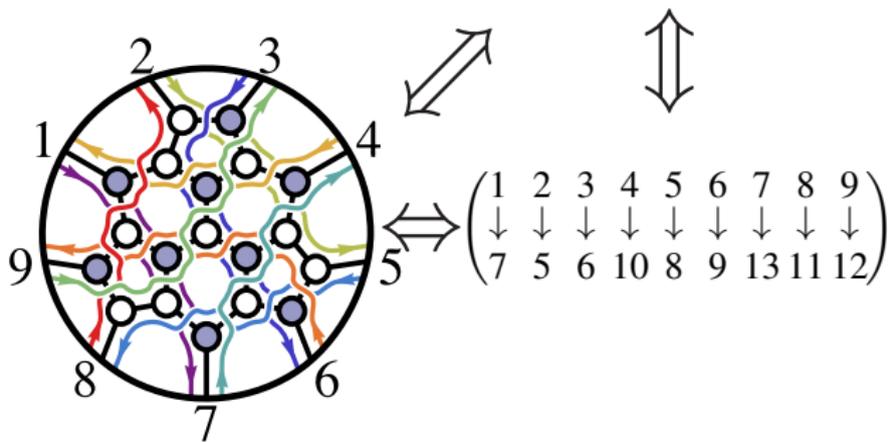
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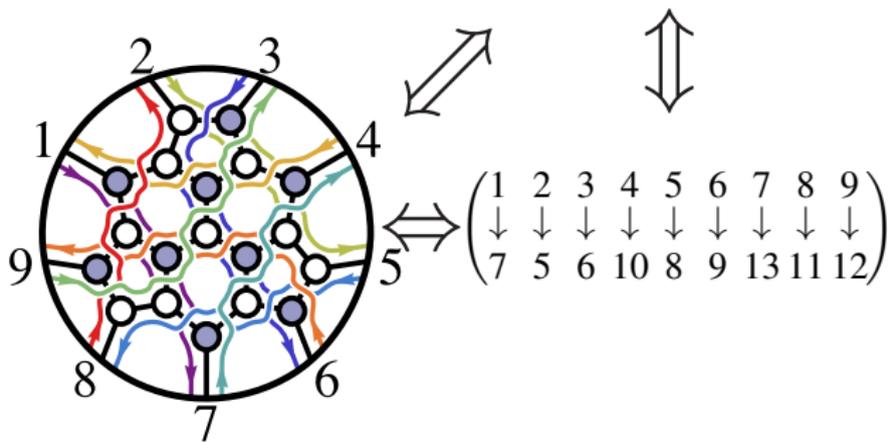
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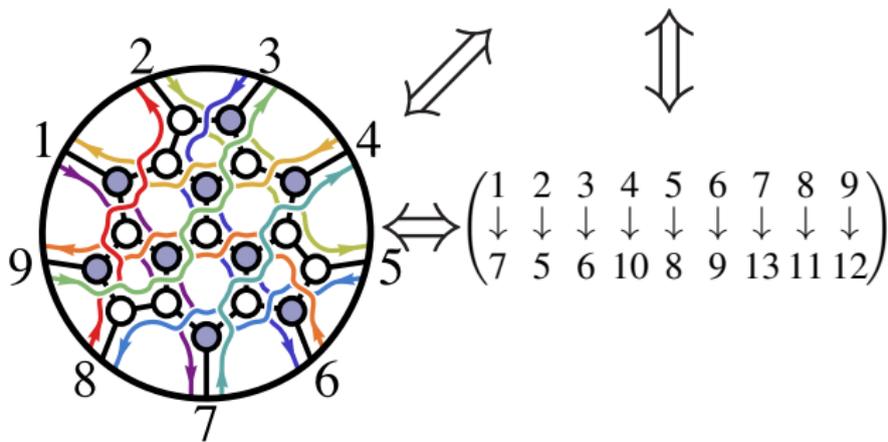
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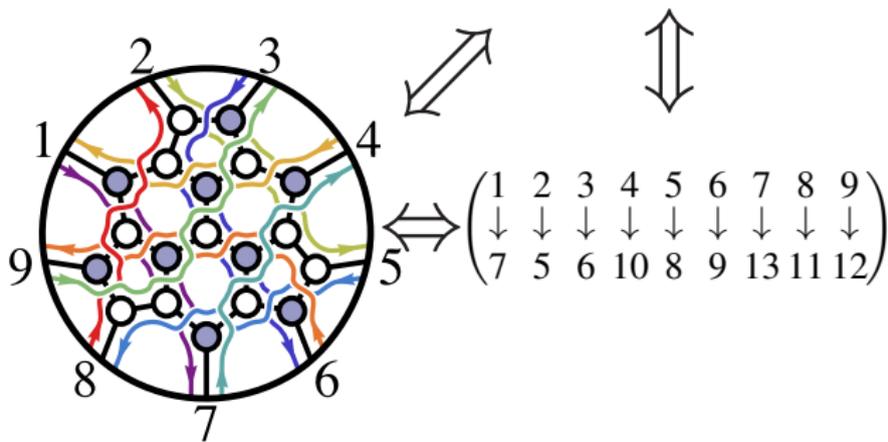
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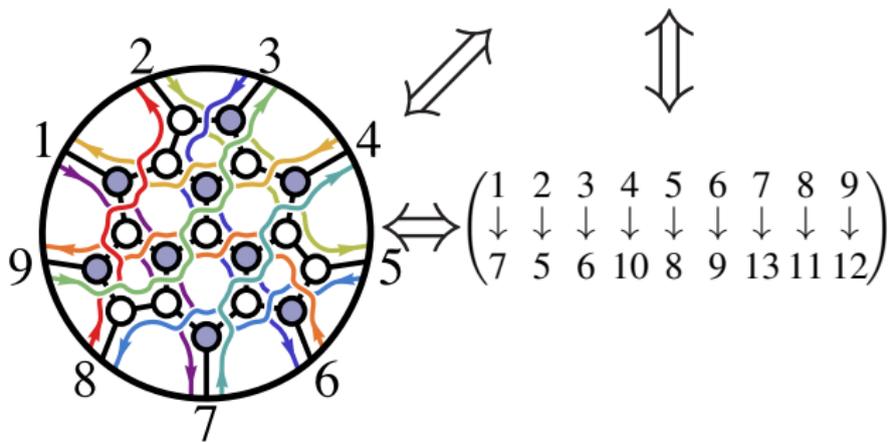
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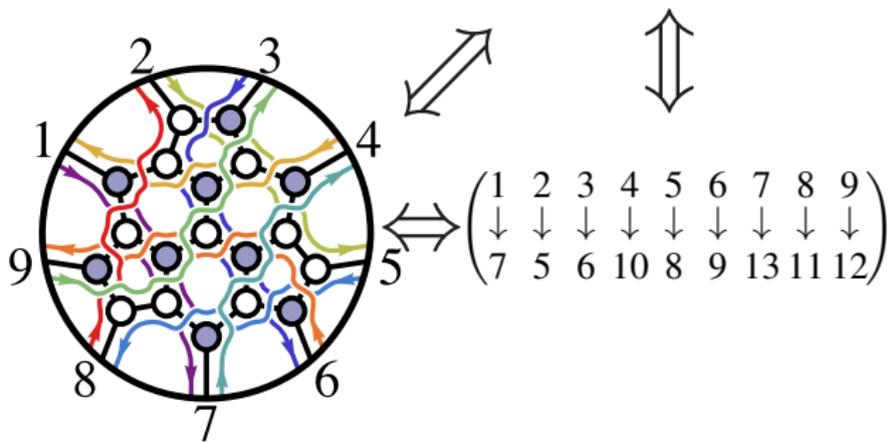
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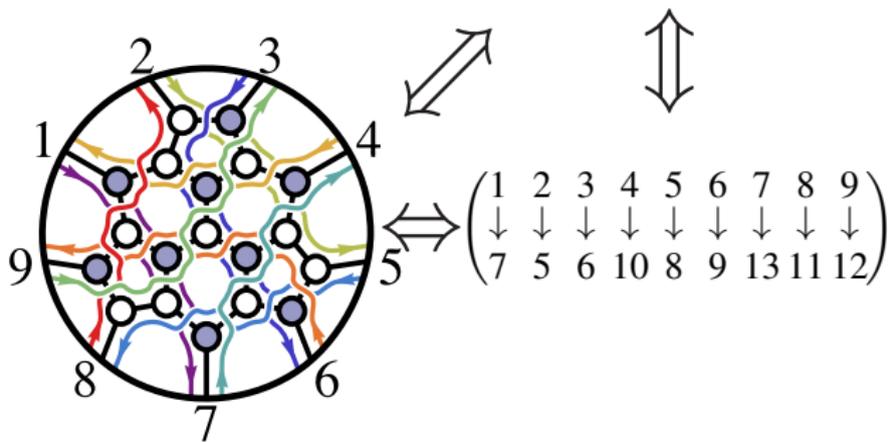
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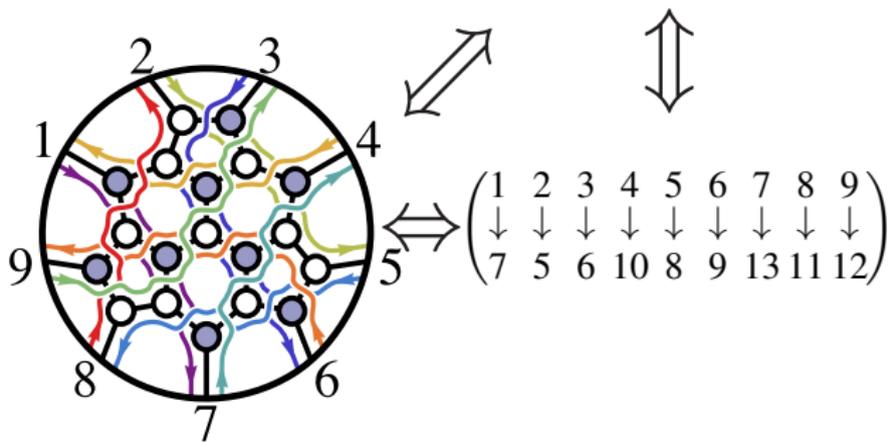
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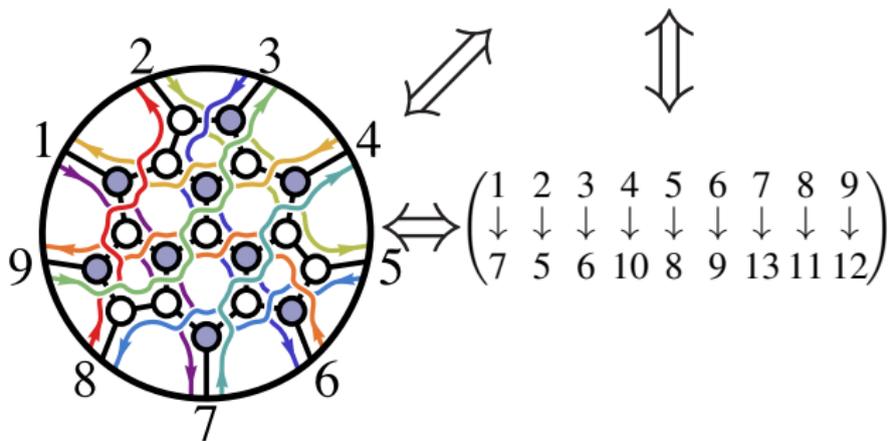
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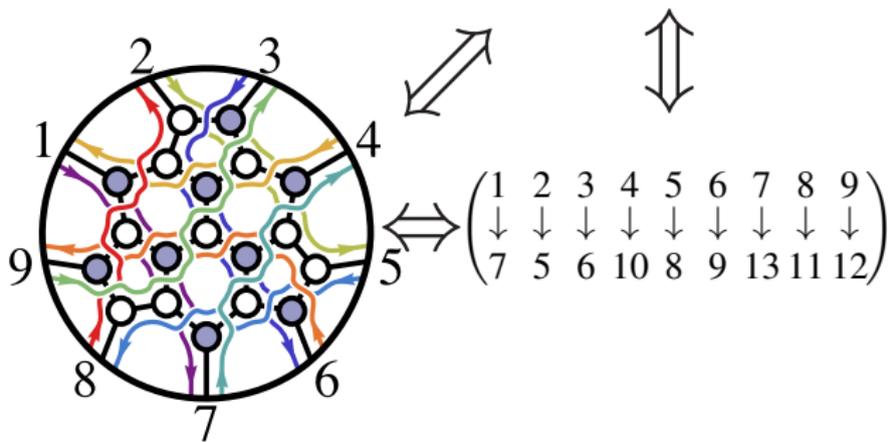
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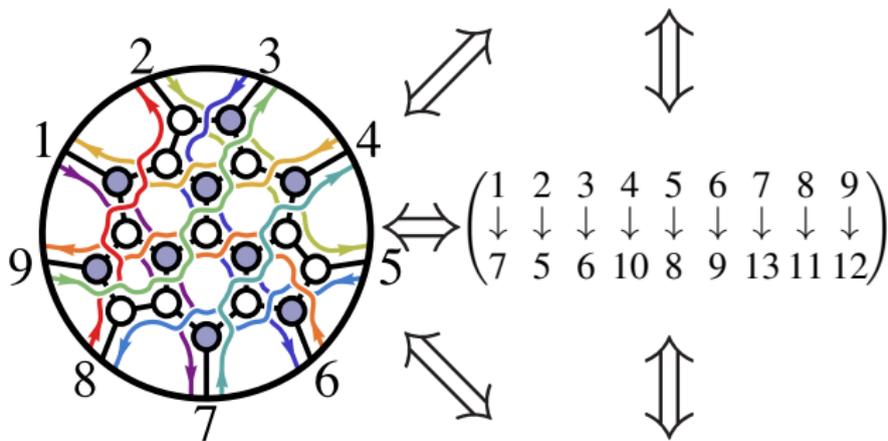
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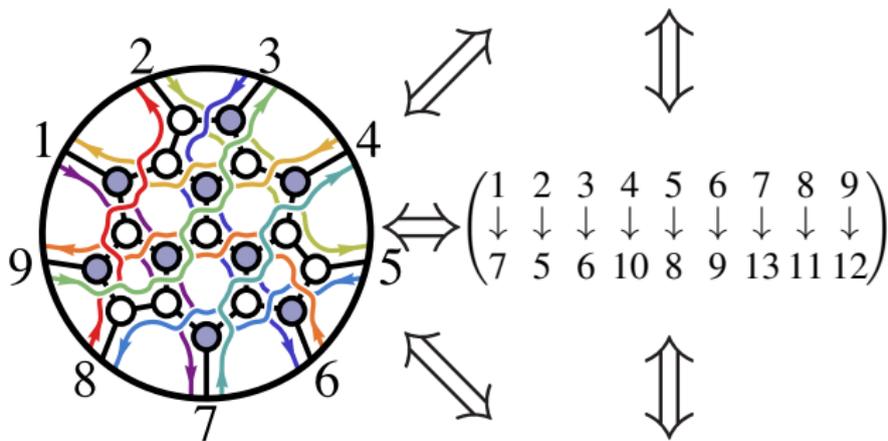
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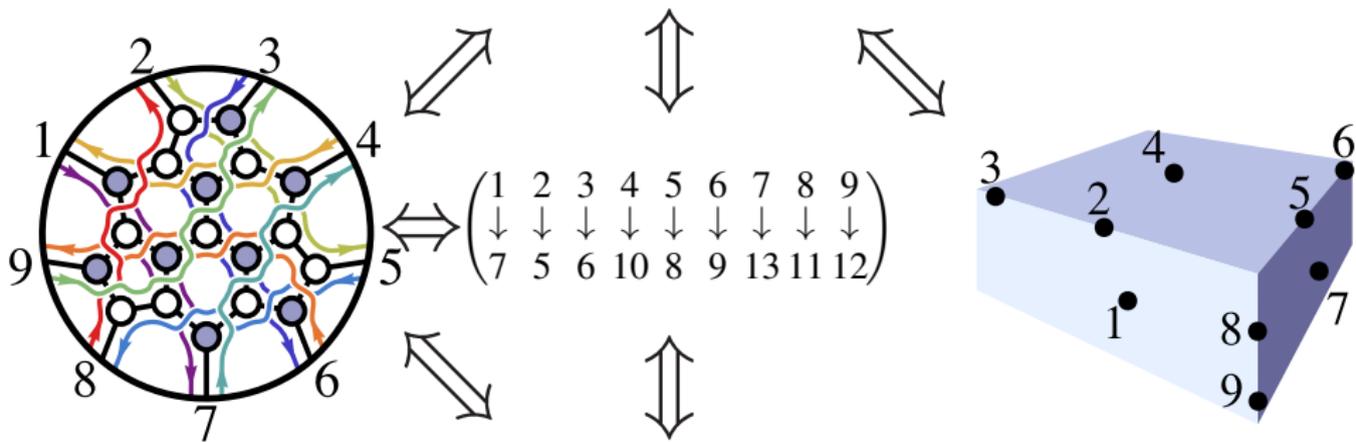
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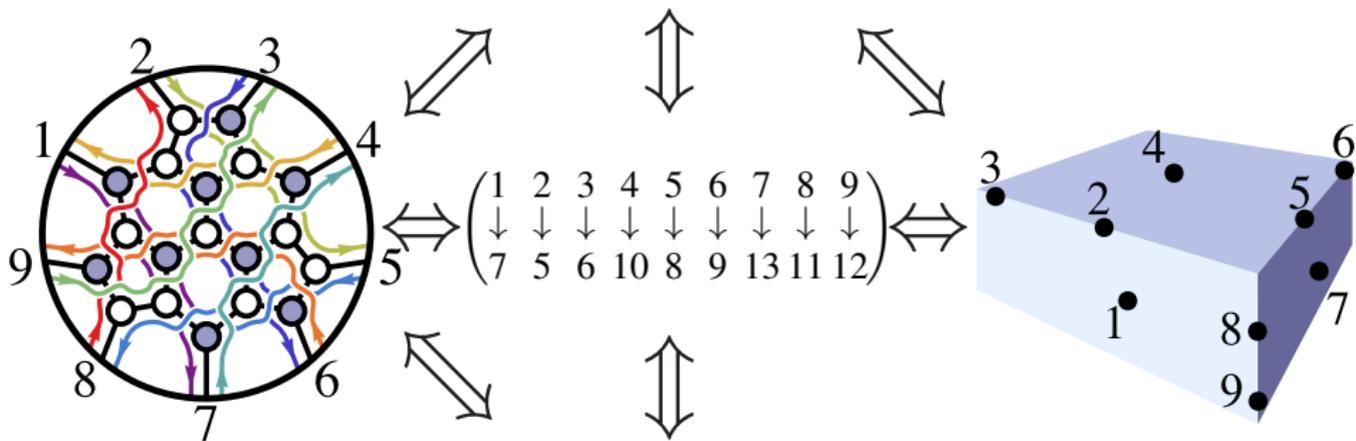
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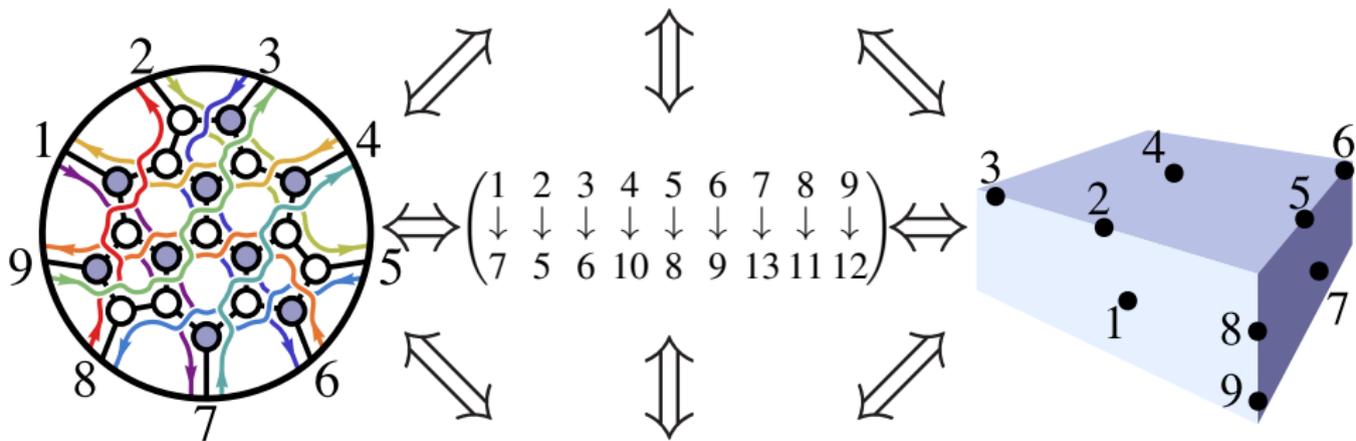
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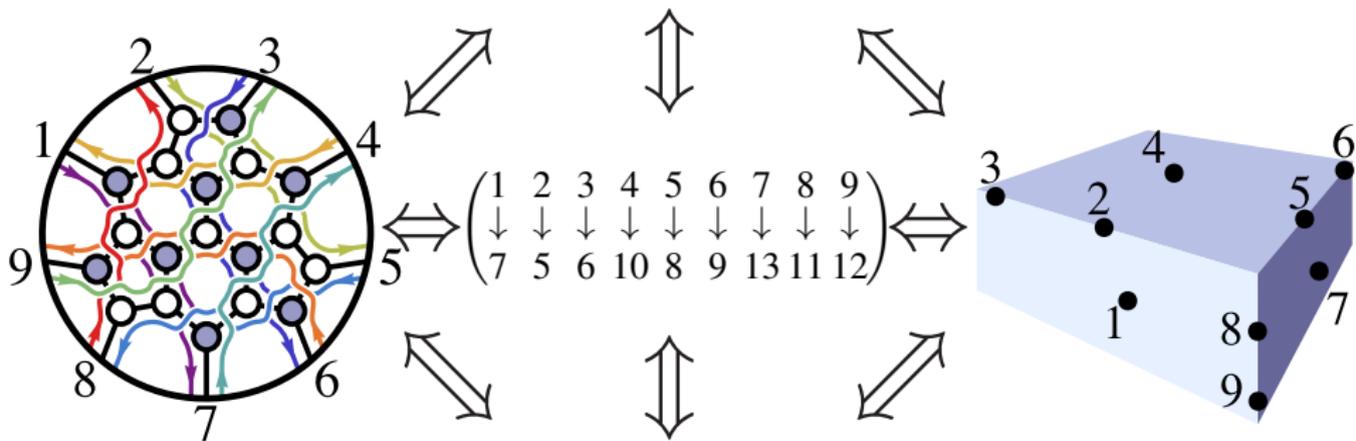
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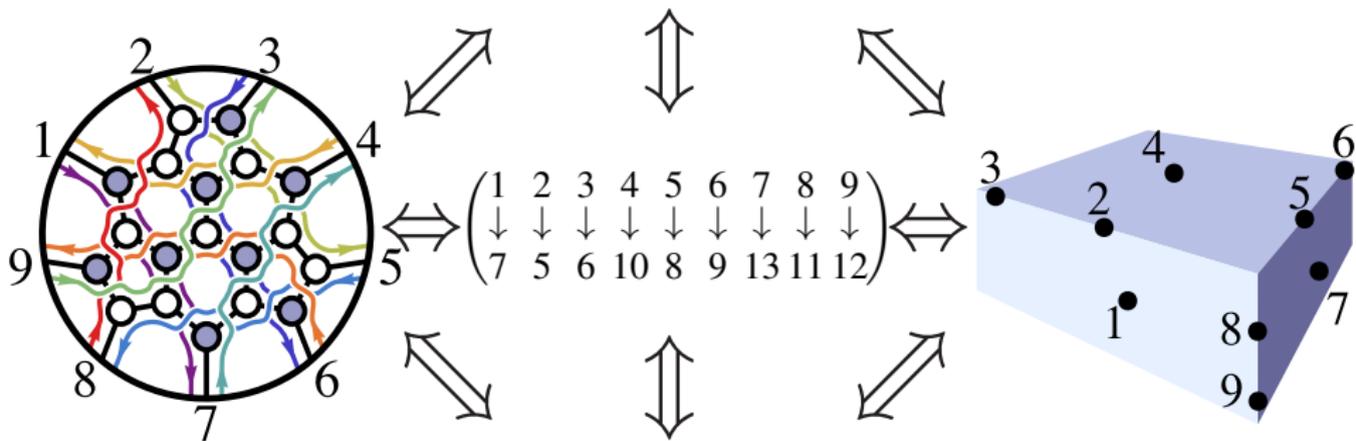
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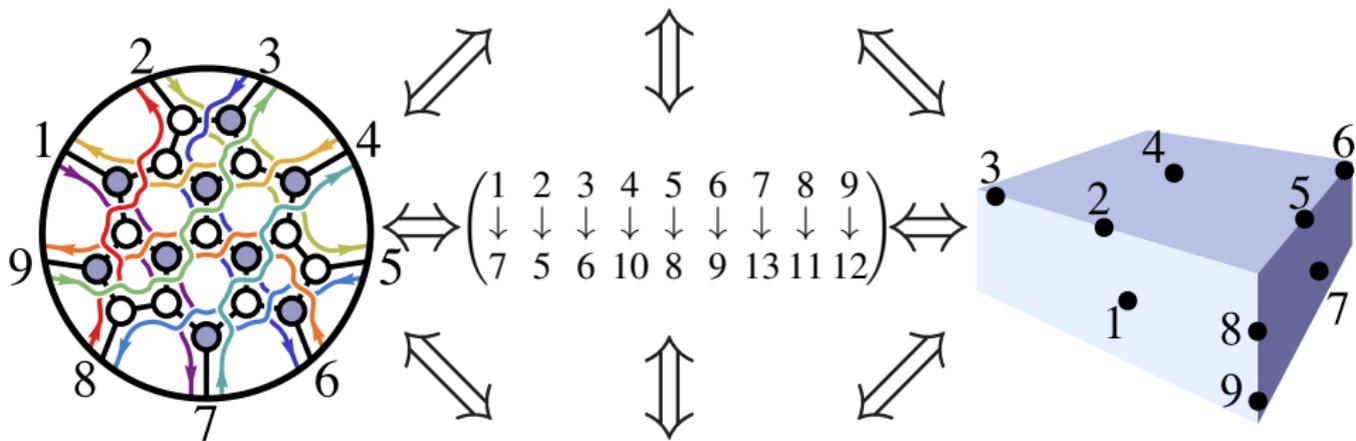
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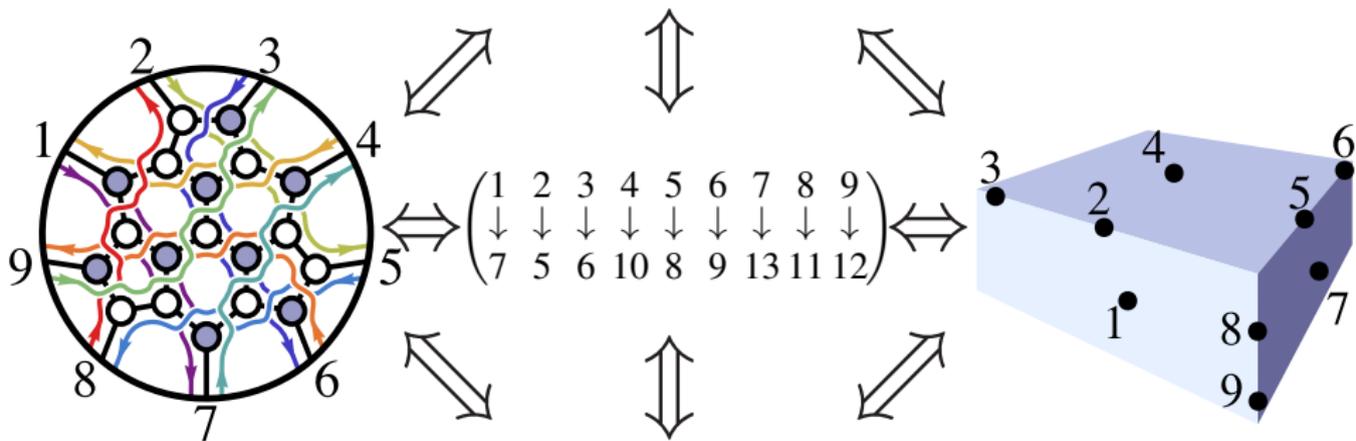
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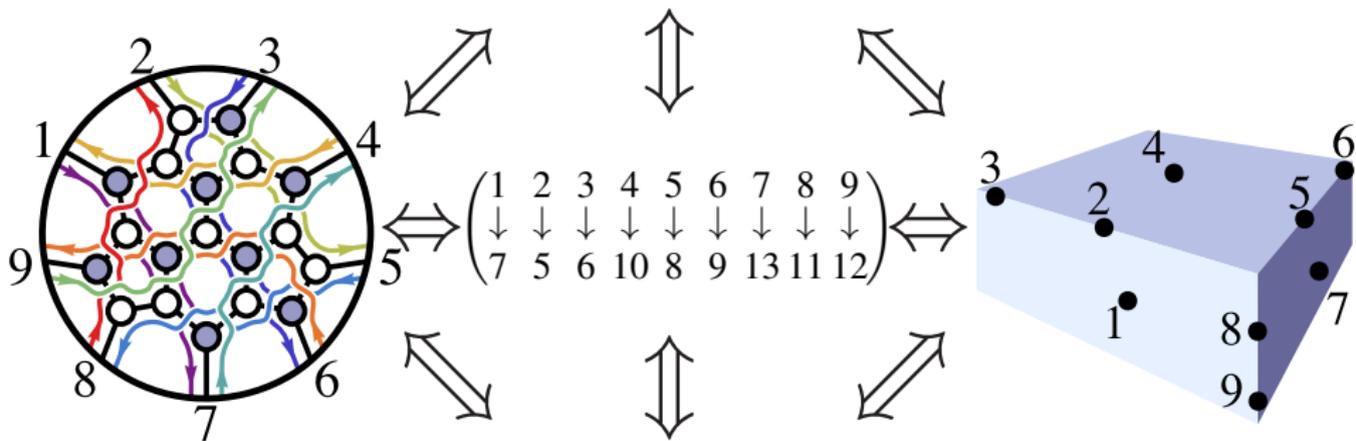
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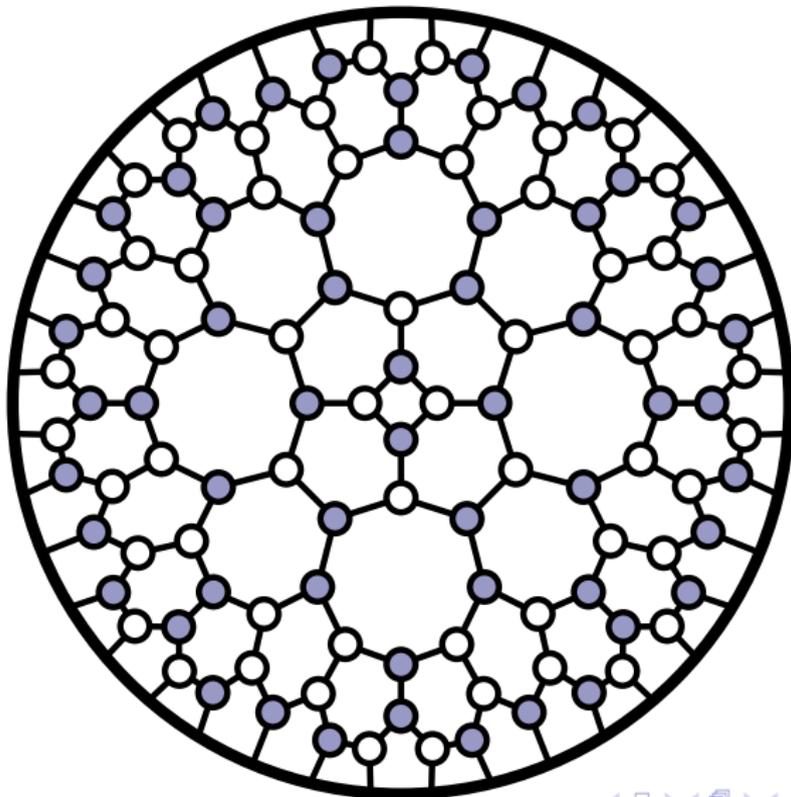
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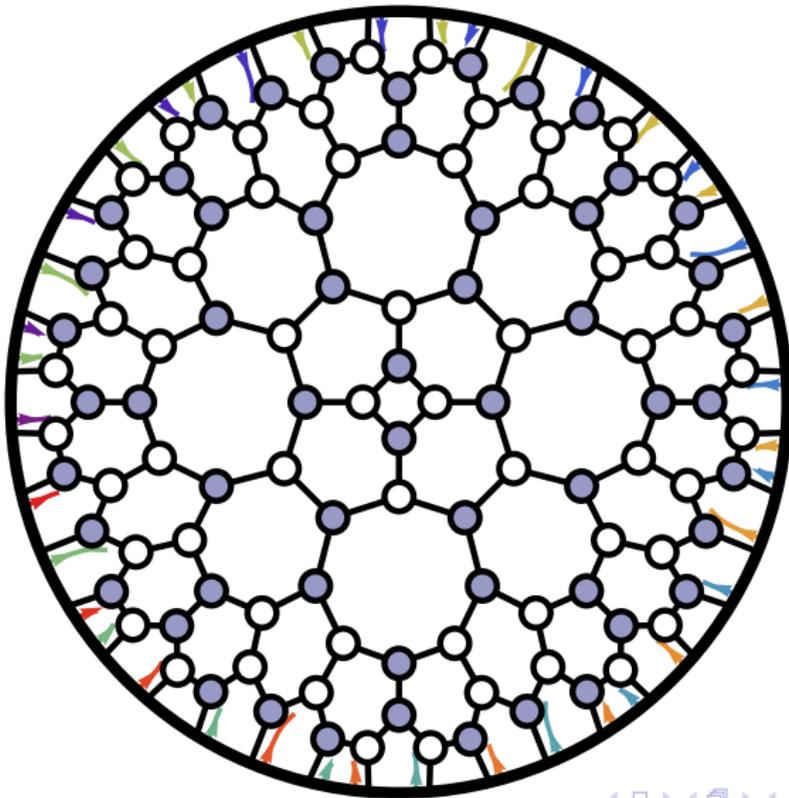
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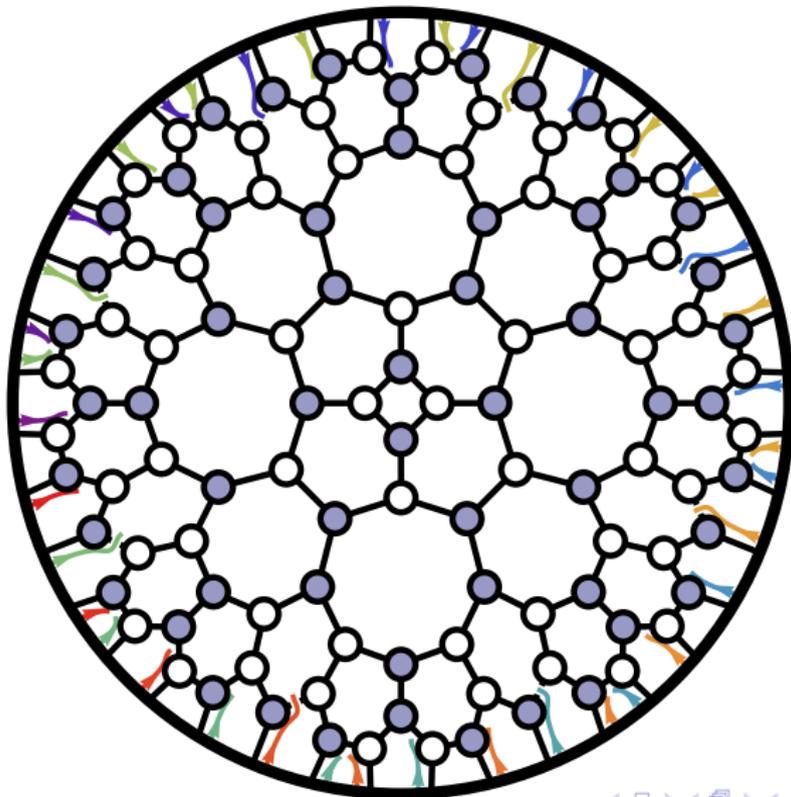
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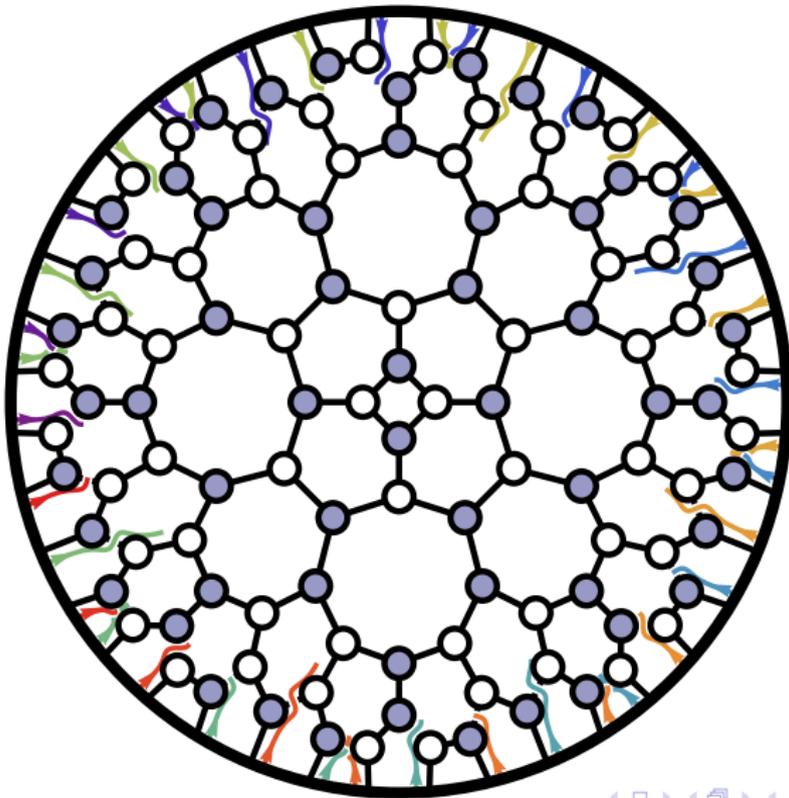
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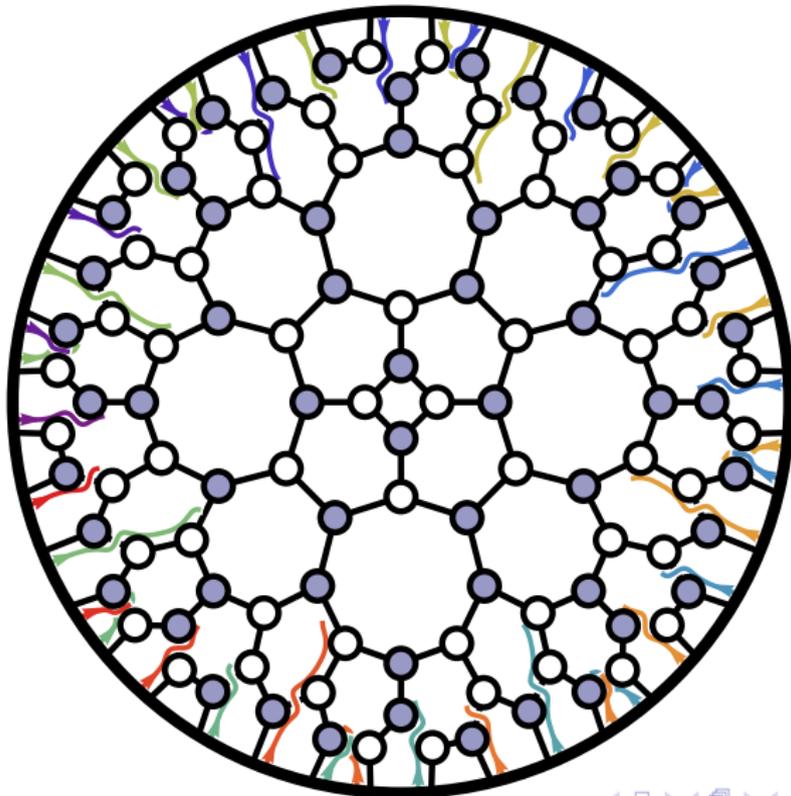
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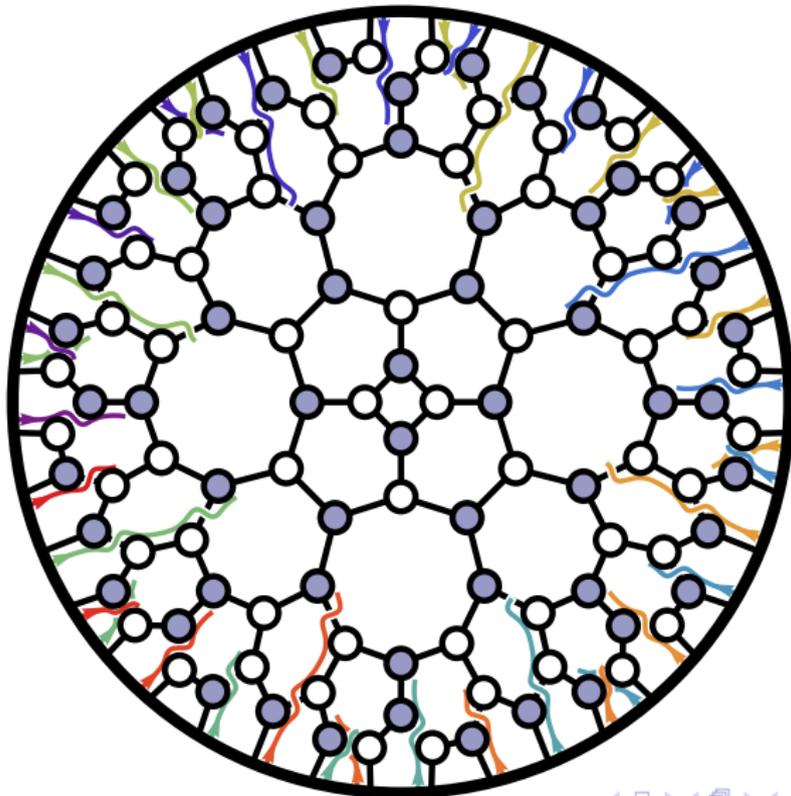
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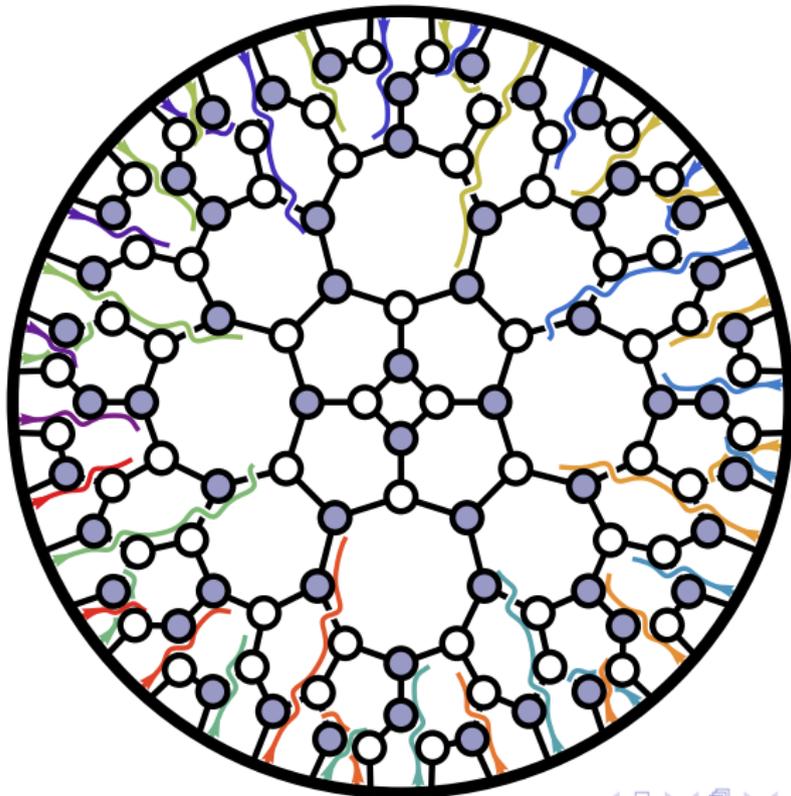
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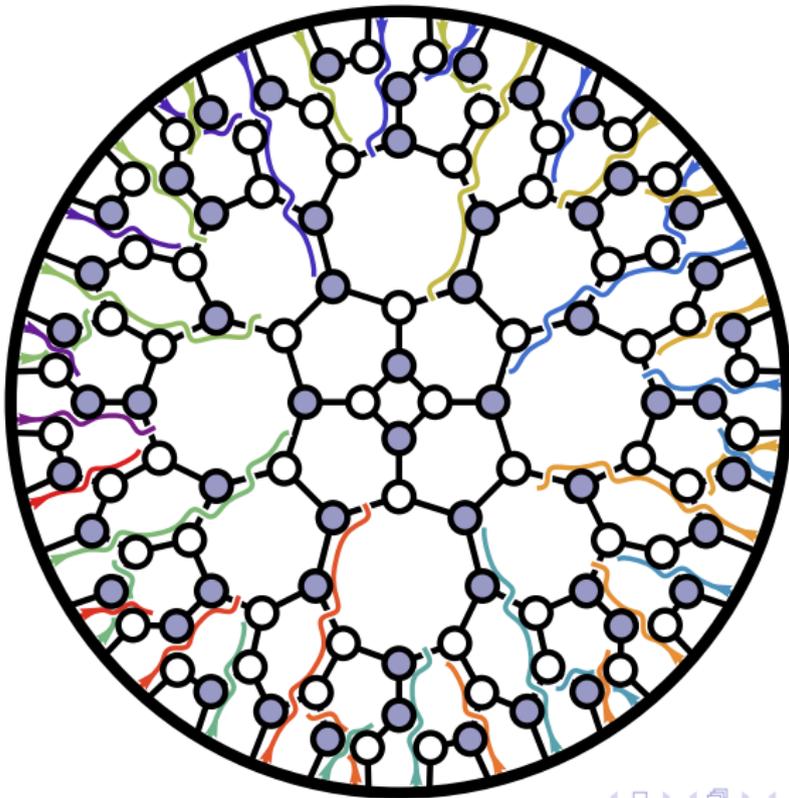
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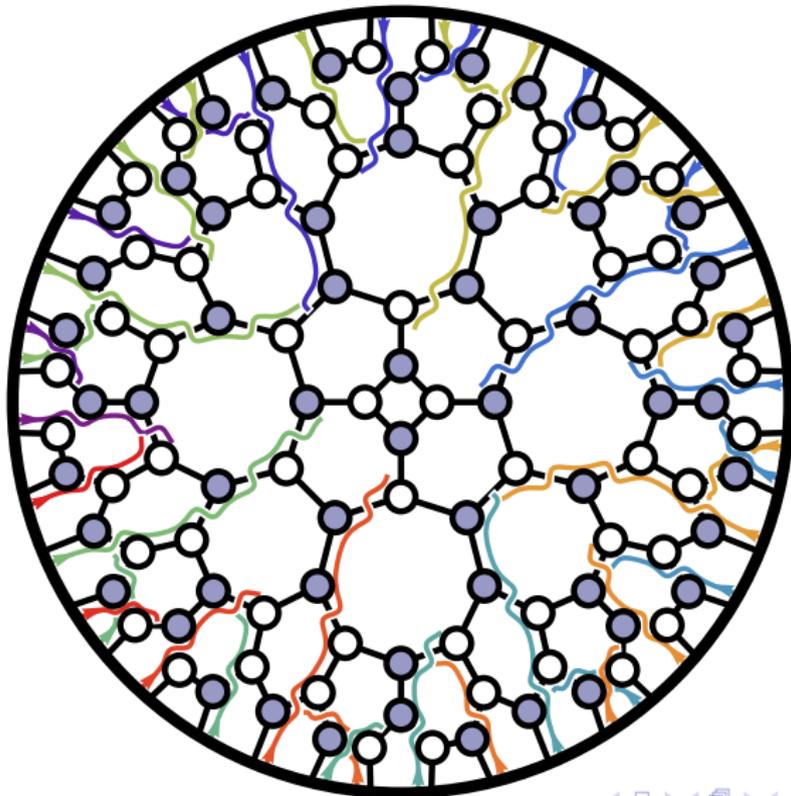
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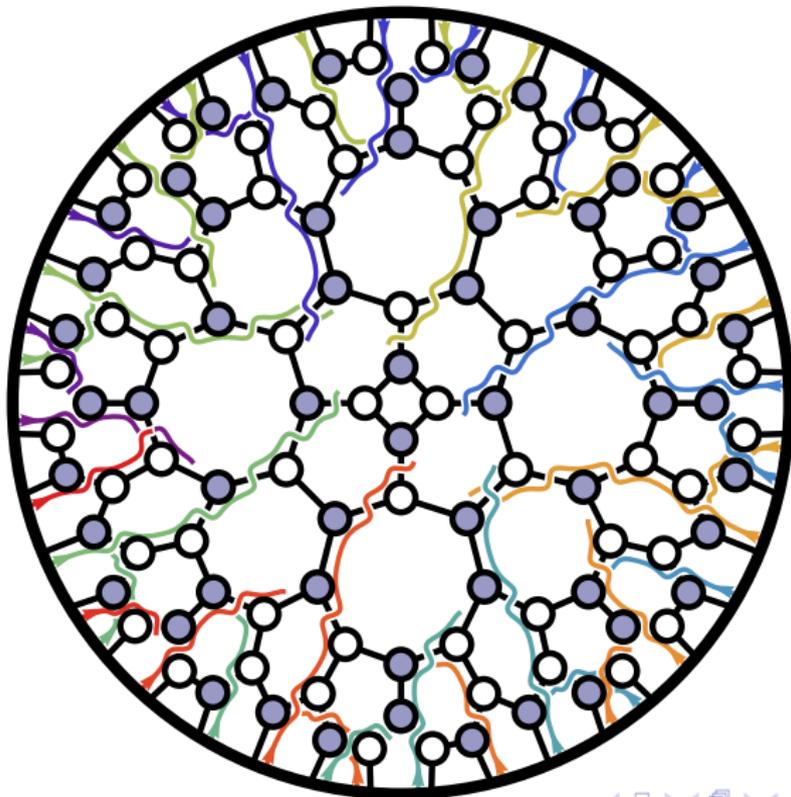
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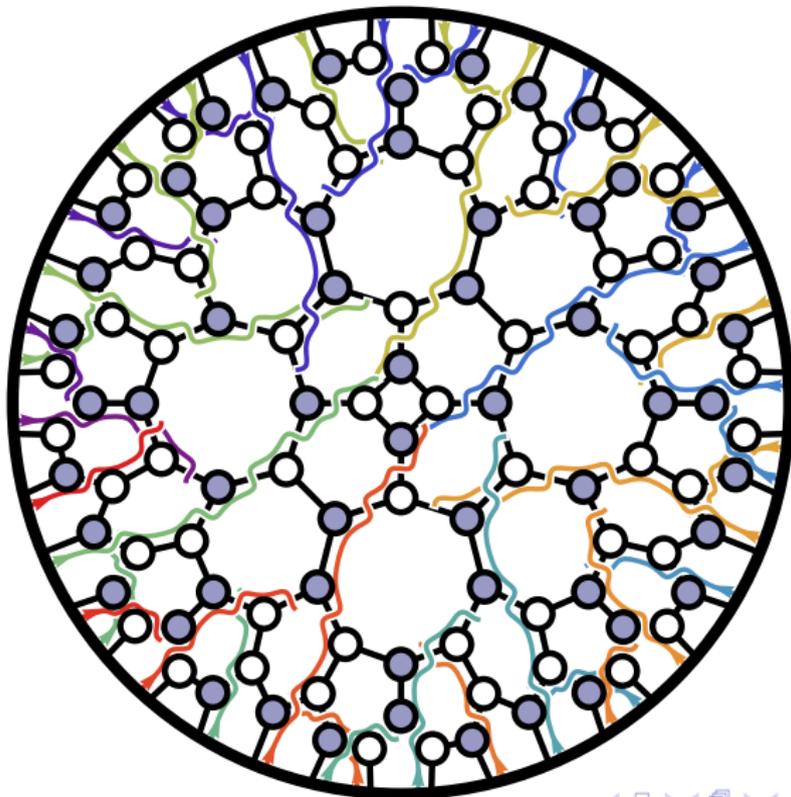
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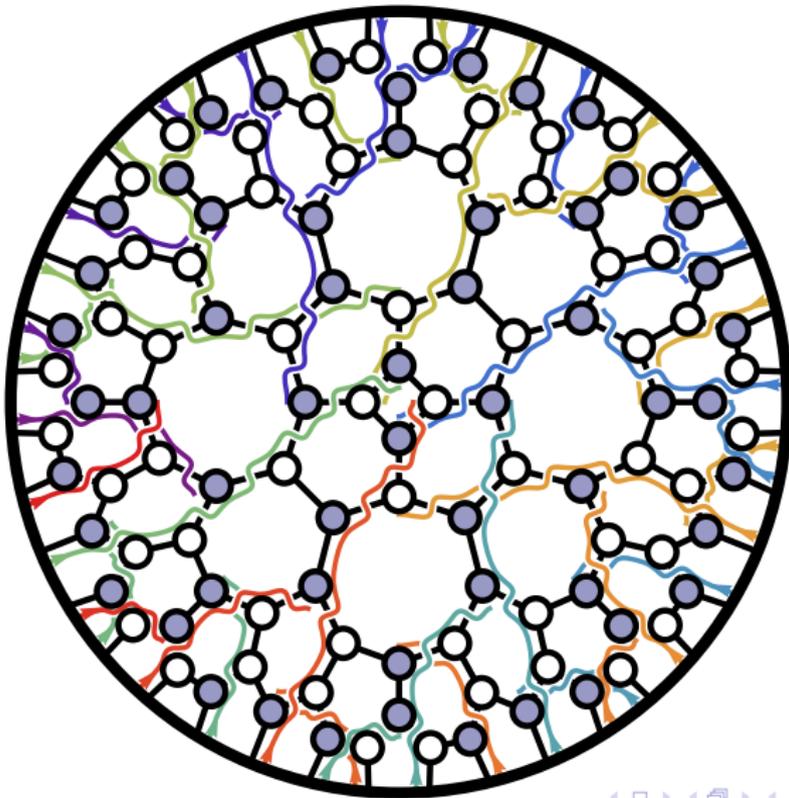
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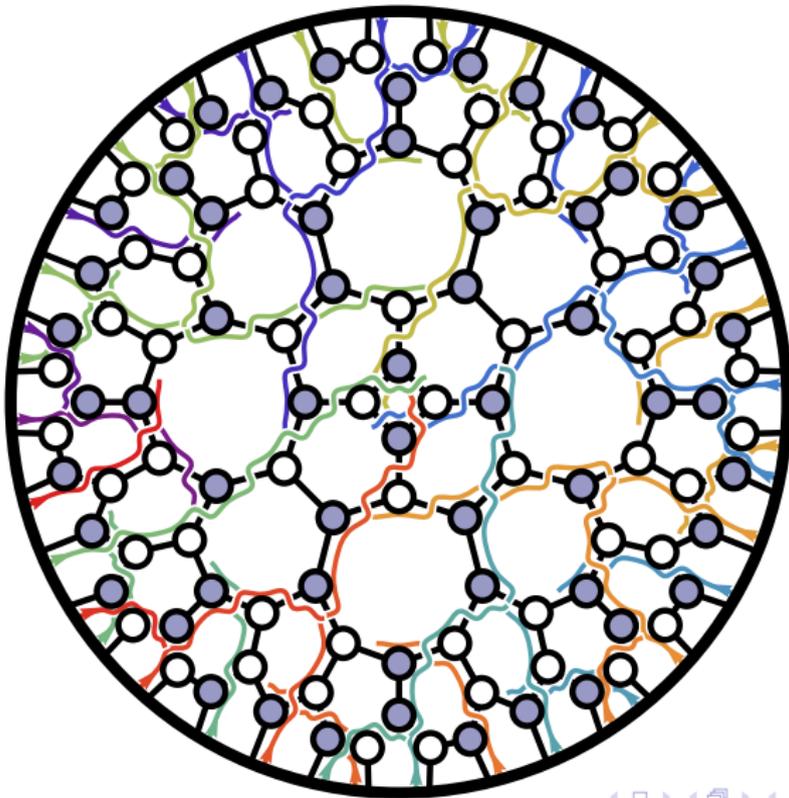
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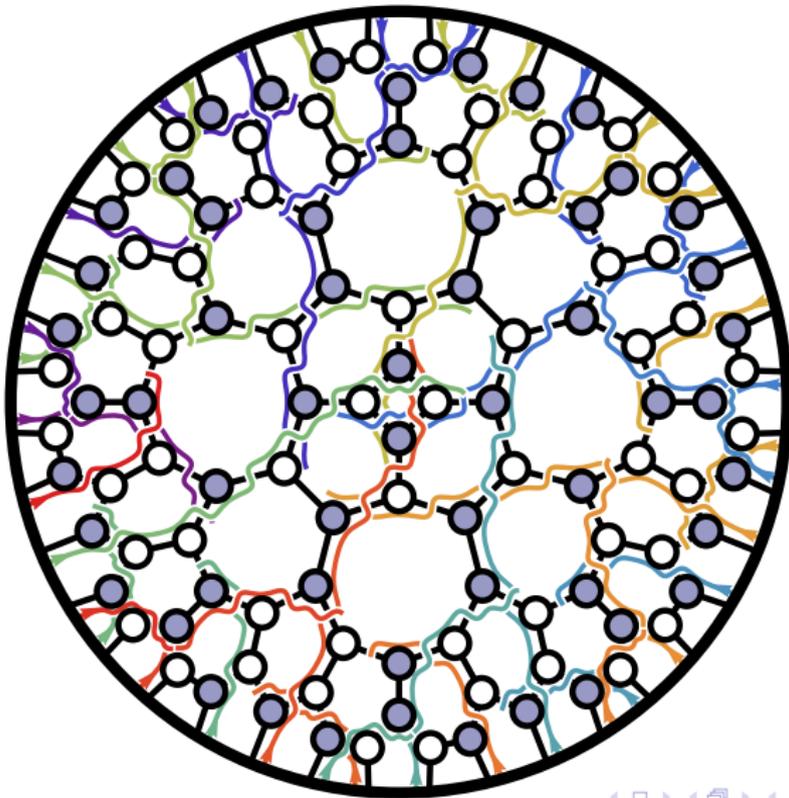
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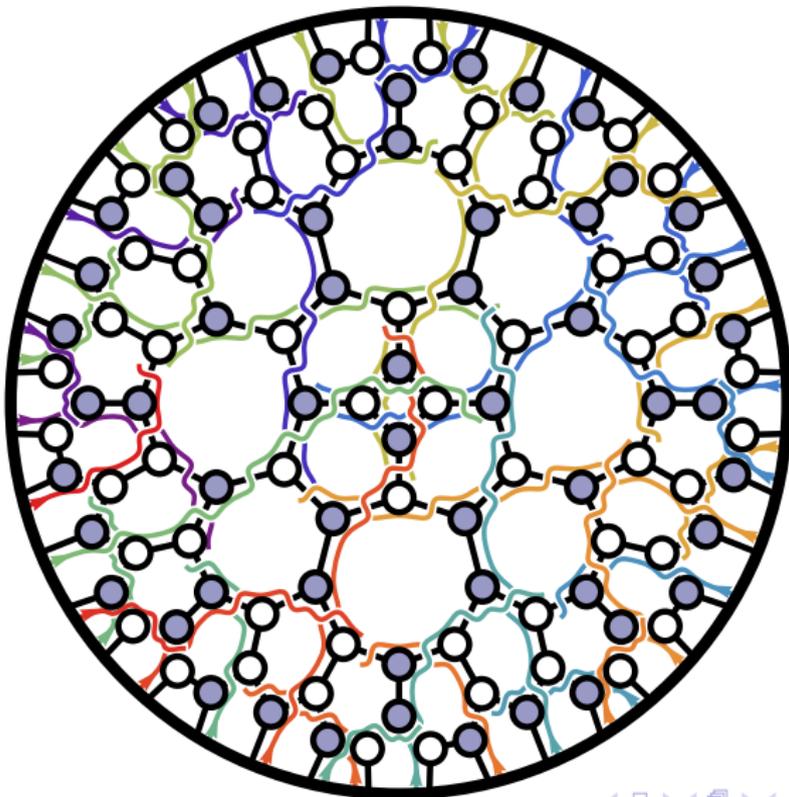
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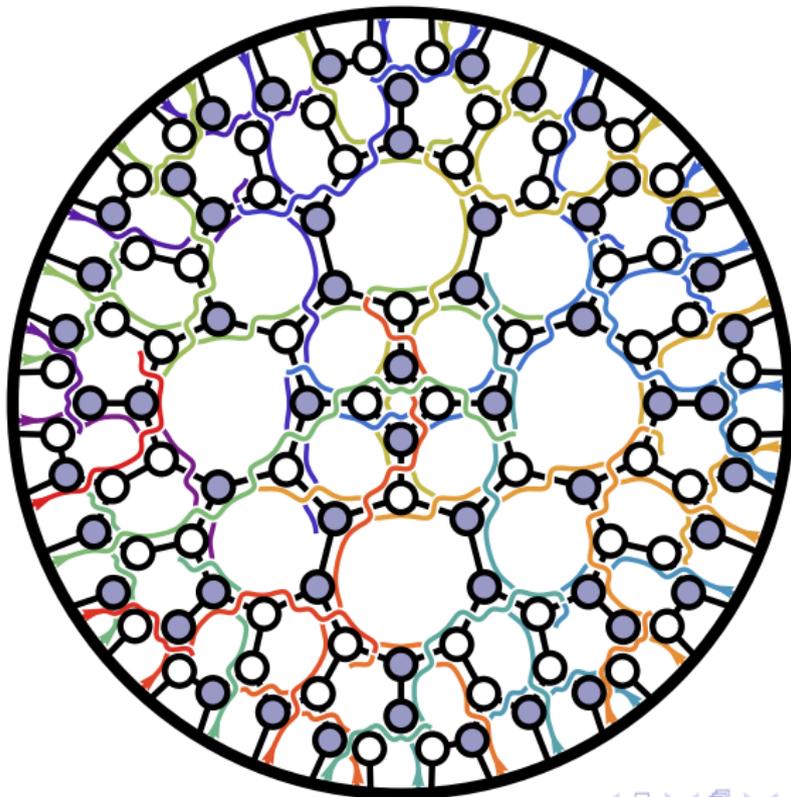
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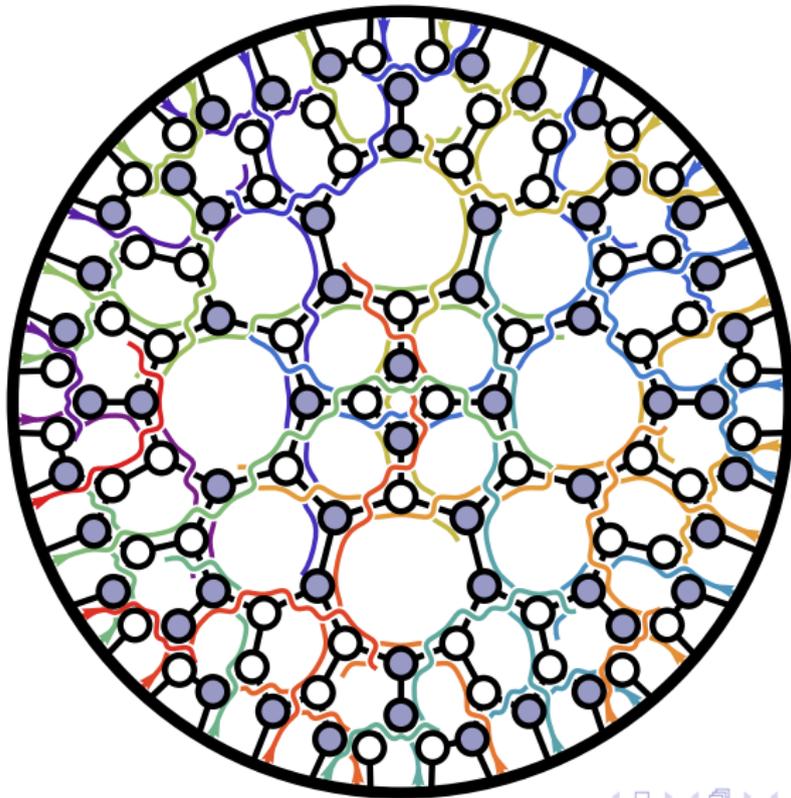
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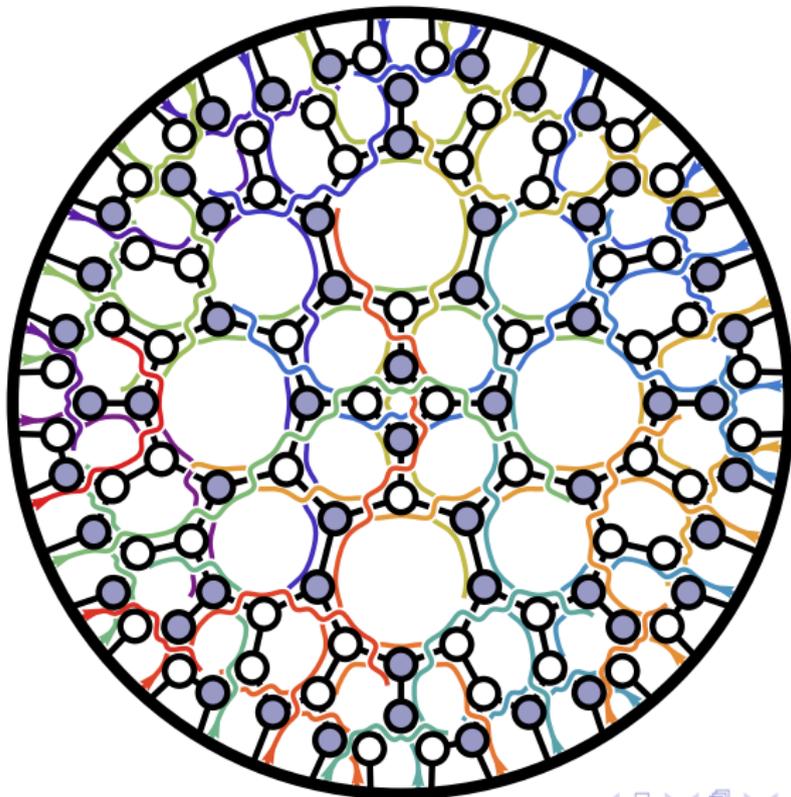
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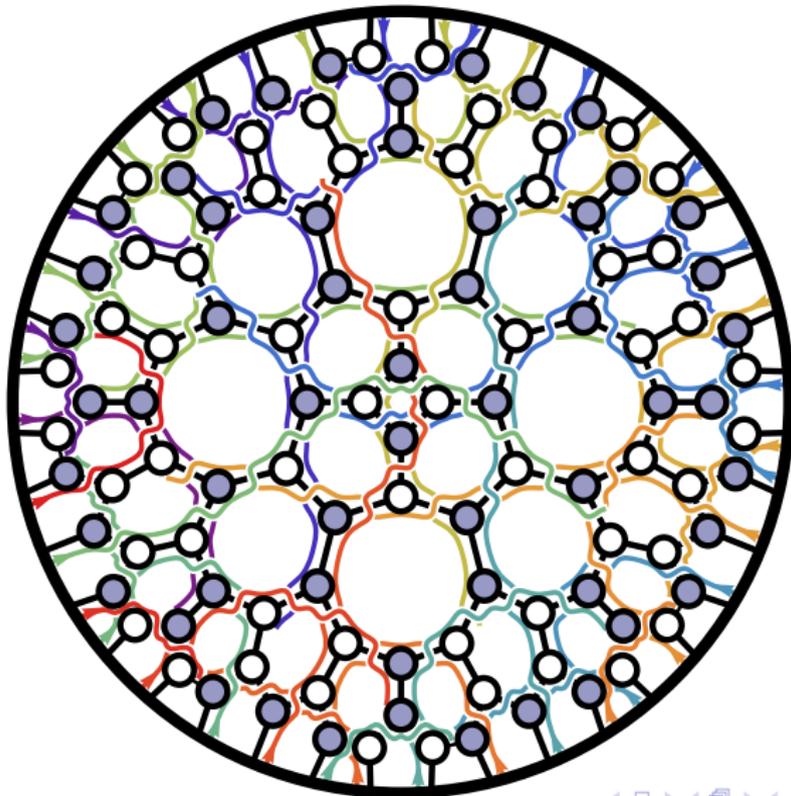
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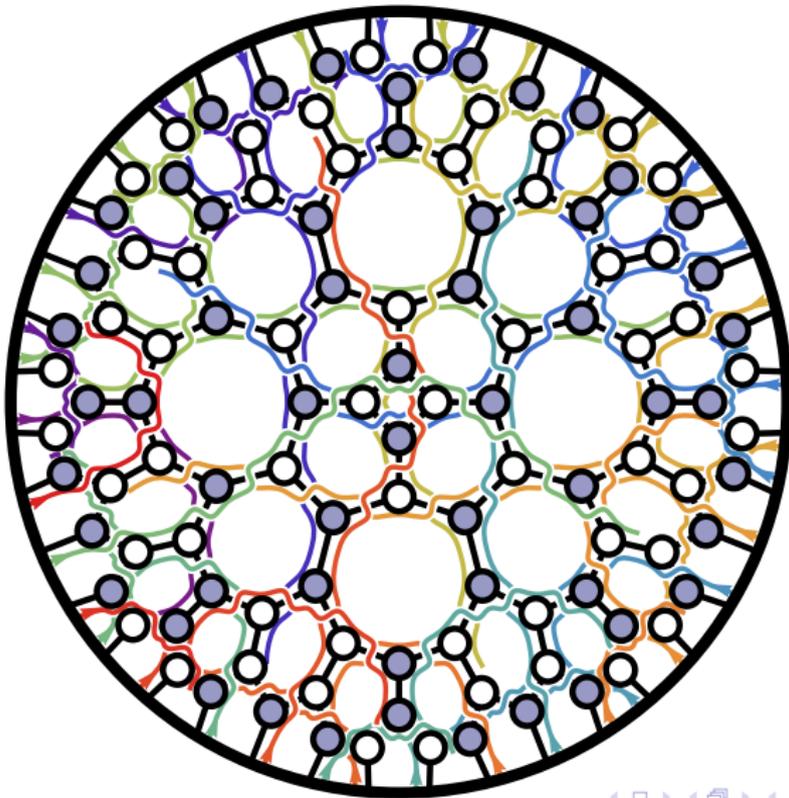
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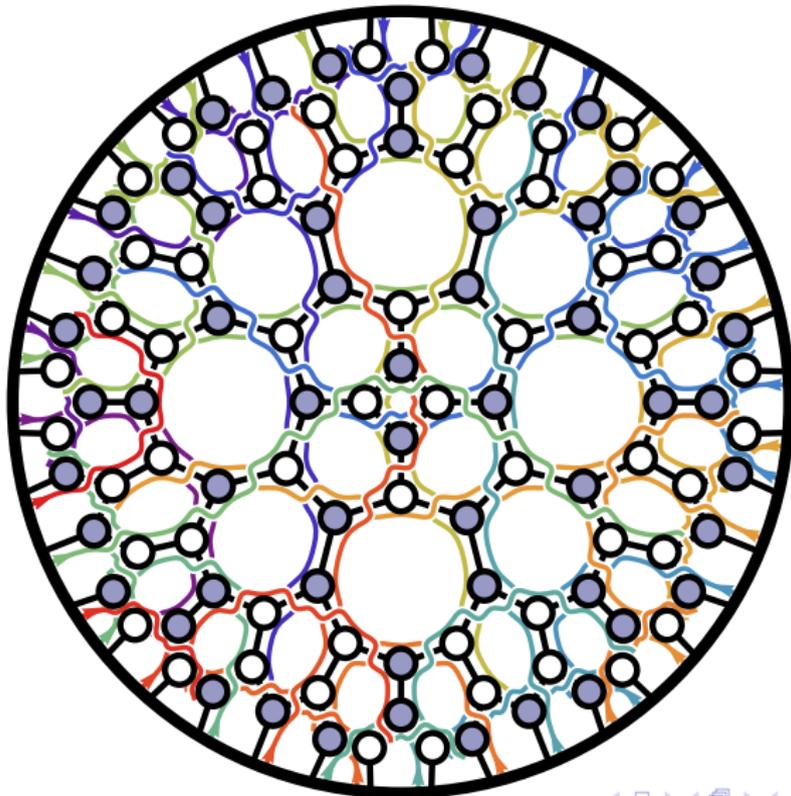
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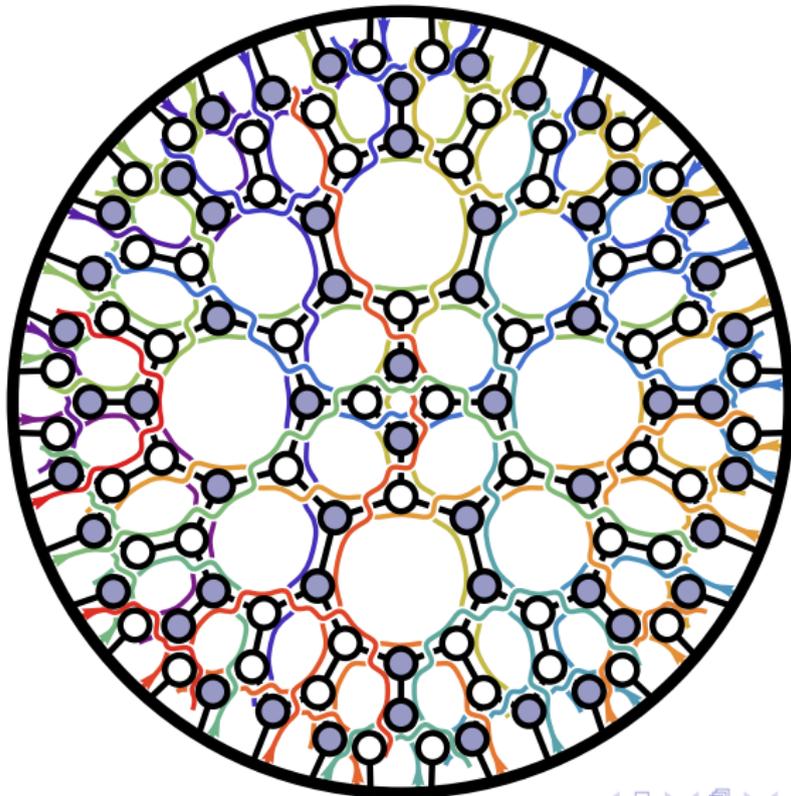
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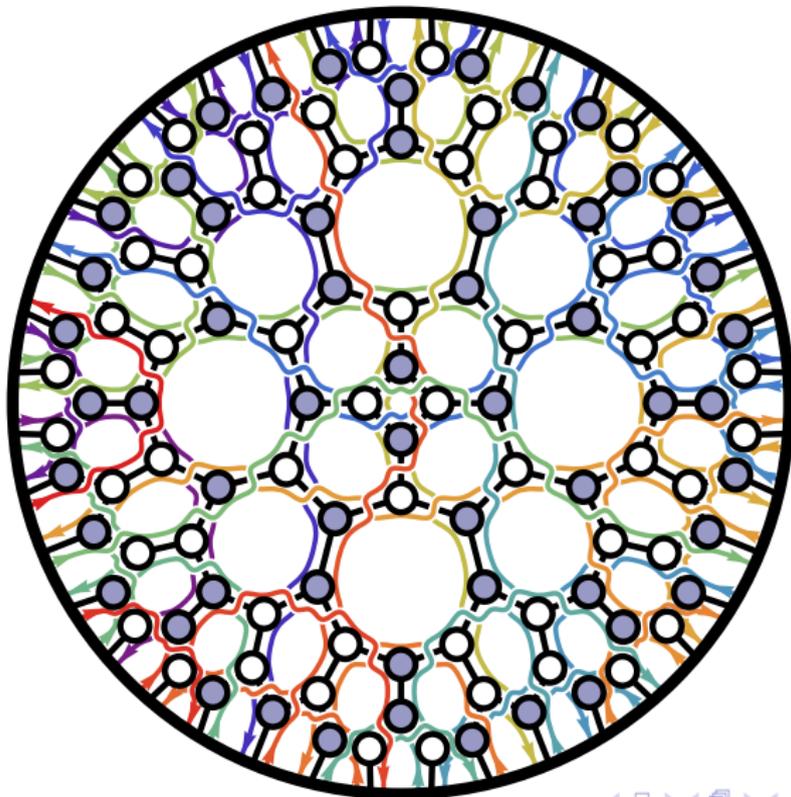
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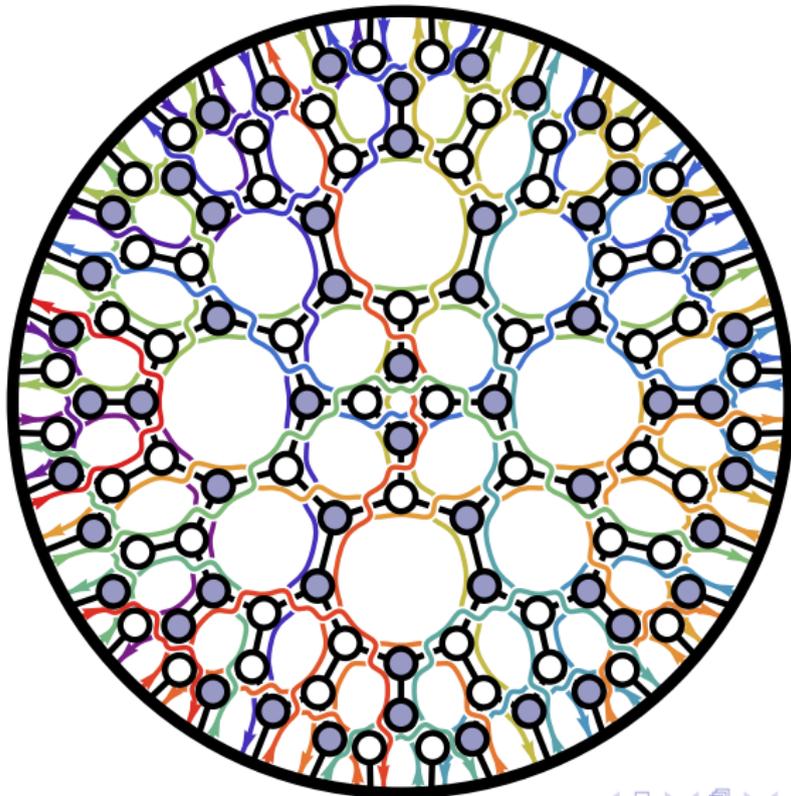
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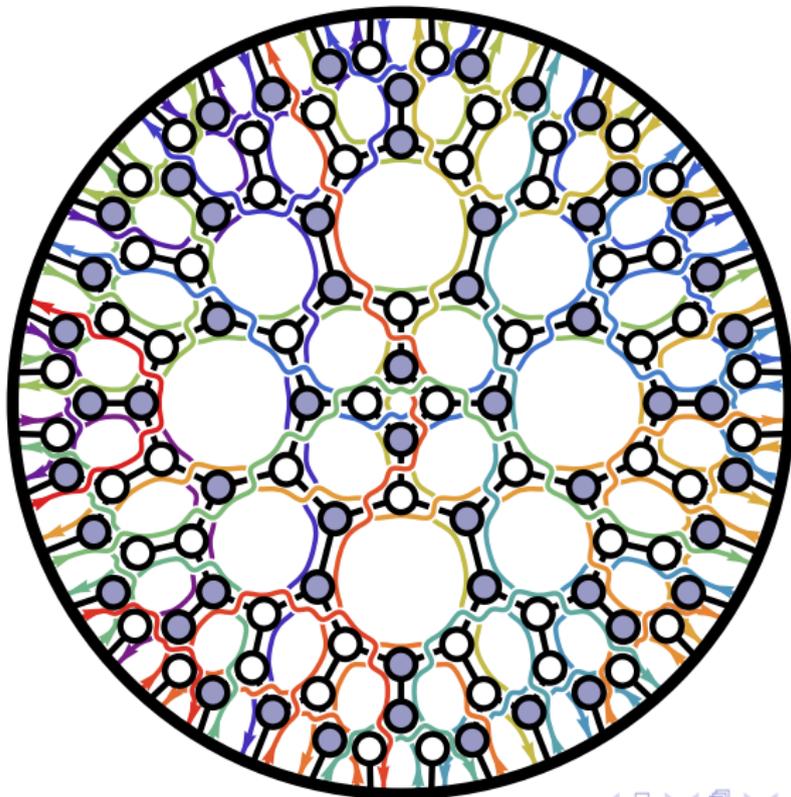
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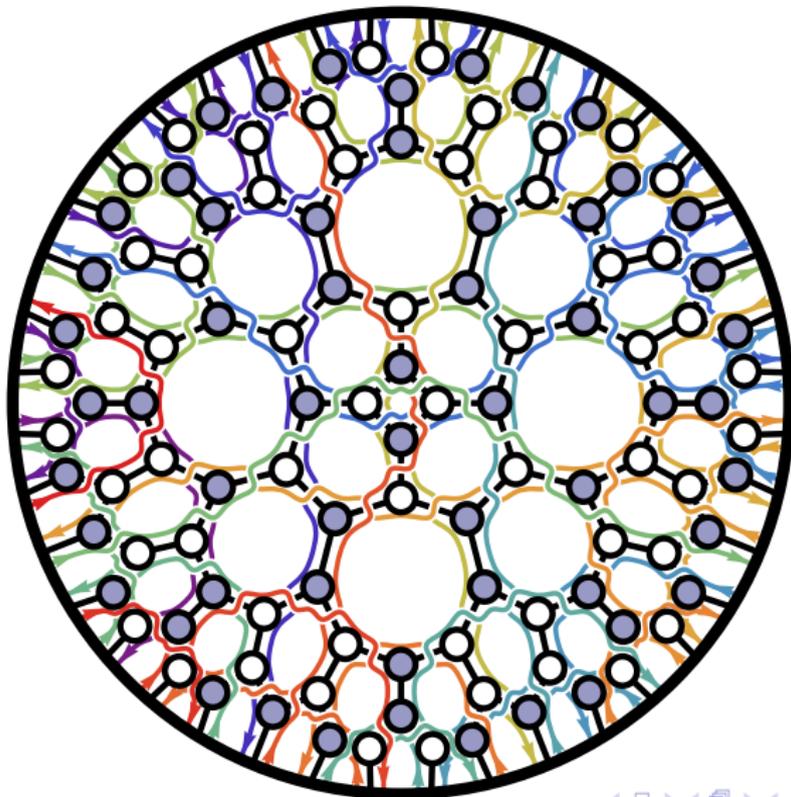
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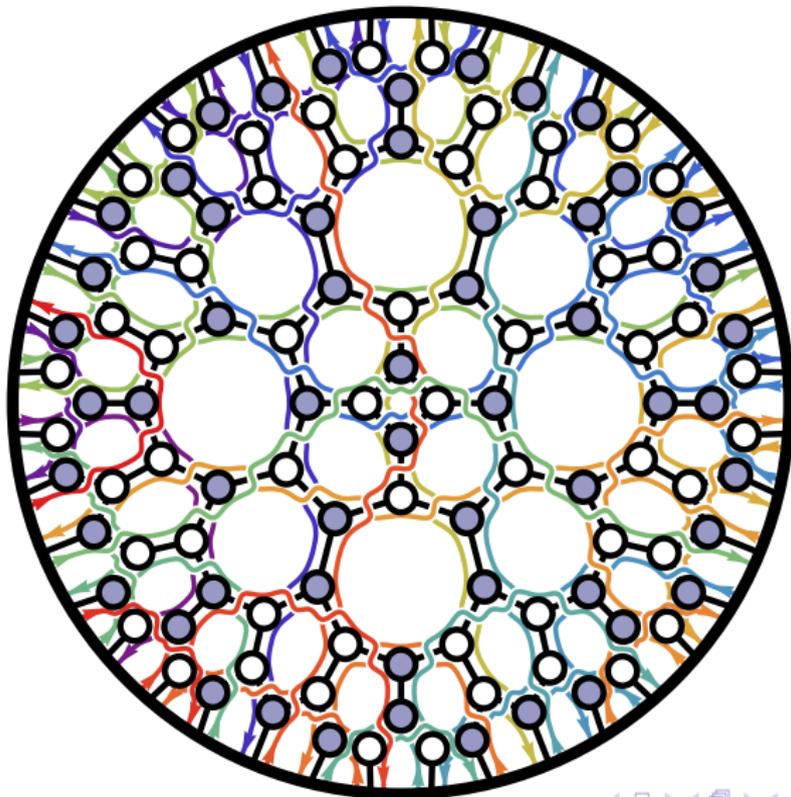
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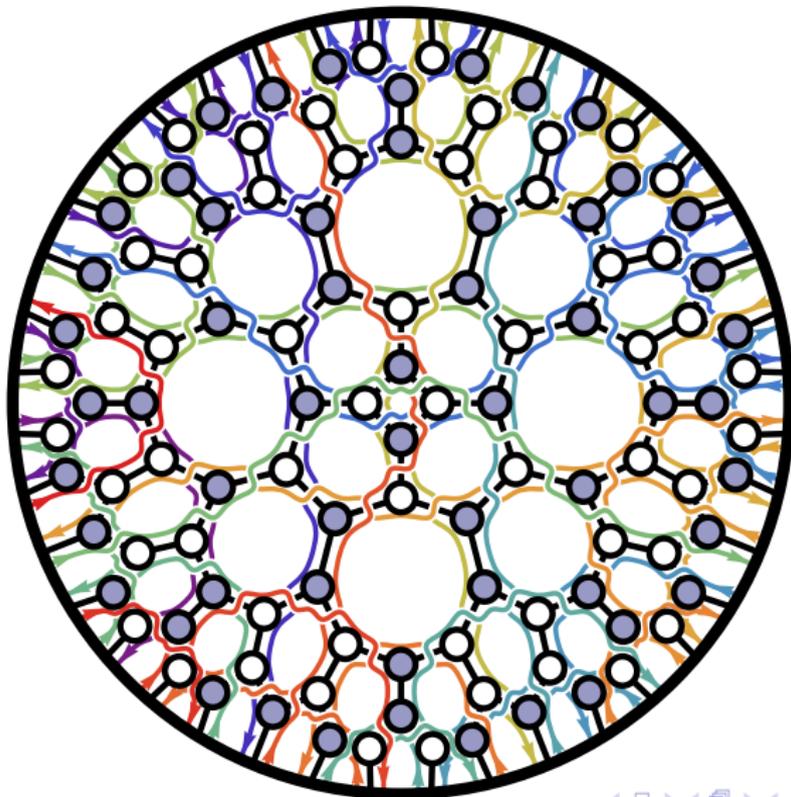
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